

Voluntary Guidelines for Methamphetamine Laboratory Cleanup

QA/QC Sequence

1. Collect samples in a uniform manner.
2. Ensure as few people as possible handle the samples.
3. Collect at least one sample media blank, treated in the same fashion but without wiping, for every 10 samples collected.
4. Handle sample media with stainless steel forceps, tweezers or gloved fingers.
5. Change gloves with each sample to avoid cross-contamination.
6. Complete a sample label for each sample with waterproof, non-erasable ink and note sample number, date, time, location and sampler's ID.
7. Seal samples immediately upon collection and always document when seals are broken or replaced and reseal open boxes of unused containers.
8. Keep samples in a secure (locked) location.
9. Properly store samples until they are transported to the lab for analysis per the laboratory's specifications.
10. Deliver samples to the laboratory in a timely manner. The appropriate time frame for sample delivery will depend on the sampling method, material and laboratory protocol.

