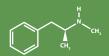
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- 1. Document the area(s) of the structure to be sampled in a map or sketch.
- 2. Make a template of each individual area to be sampled. This template should be made with chalk, masking tape, Teflon or another material that will not contaminate the sample and is resistant to the solvent being used. Most guidance documents suggest a minimum sample area of 100 cm².
- 3. Use a new set of clean, non-powdered impervious gloves for each sample collected.
- 4. Wet the sample media with solvent.
- 5. Press firmly with the sample media, using caution to avoid touching the surface within the template. Smooth surfaces should be wiped; rough surfaces should be blotted.
- 6. When wiping the sampling area, two methods may be used:
 - a. The square method involves wiping in a square around the outside edge of the sample site and wiping in concentric squares towards the center.
 - b. The "S" method involves wiping from side-to-side in an overlapping "S" motion until the entire sample surface is covered.
- 7. Fold the sample media with the sampled side in without allowing the media to contact any other surfaces.
- 8. Repeat the wiping method with the folded sample media. If using the "S" method, wipe from top-to-bottom on the second pass.
- 9. Again, fold the media in half with the sampled side in. Seal the sample media in a sample container and label with the sample number and location.
- 10. Collect at least one sample media blank for every 10 samples collected. This media should be treated with solvent and folded but not wiped.





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For **composite samples**, the same procedure should be used with the following considerations:

- 1. Use a single pair of gloves to collect all component samples that will make up a composite sample.
- 2. All component samples that will make up a composite sample should be placed in the same sample container.
- 3. Use enough solvent on the sampling media to properly collect all samples. The composite sample should consist of no more than four discrete samples.

