

Dead Body Evidence Checklist

Thoroughly photograph everything before moving or touching anything

Collect fragile evidence on the body

Collect other types of evidence

Remove hair, fingernails and other trace evidence. Place in waxed paper, bindle them, and place them in envelopes.

Brush head hair and pubic region (if naked). Hold butcher paper under the area you are brushing. Book paper into evidence.

Remove trace evidence from skin and clothing from entire body with scotch pads or lint rollers. Only use frosted tape. Take from face, hands, feet, legs, torso, pubic area and neck.

Collect samples of pooled blood.

Use hemasticks to confirm it is actually blood

Collect control samples (as close to the area as possible)

Use cotton swab with one drop of distilled water on it. Place the swab in wax paper loosely and then place it in an envelop. Break stick if necessary.

Place in freezer

Collect exemplars

Environment (vegetation, soil, maggots, other)

Residence (carpet fibers, paint, misc. fibers, other)

Vehicle (carpet fibers, seat fibers, roll the tires, vin number, wheel base)

Animals (hairs, bedding)

Collect blood samples from victim using "Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit" blood tubes

Collect fingernail clippings. Use toothpicks if nails are very short.

Swab bite mark areas

Swab oral cavity

Collect exemplar hairs