

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

A. Controlled Substances: Generally, positive identification of the substance is the only test performed (qualitative). Sample purity (quantitative) is analyzed only by special request from a federal prosecutor and only on methamphetamine. Please submit quant cases directly to the lab in Coeur d'Alene along w/the letter from the prosecutor.

1. Some drug exhibits may contain very large amounts of plant material or powder. Please contact the appropriate lab manager to discuss how much of the exhibit needs to be submitted.
2. **Do not send syringes or razors!**
 - a. If liquid is visible in the syringe, transfer the syringe liquid to a separate container.
 - b. If no liquid is visible, do a syringe rinse using a small amount of isopropyl alcohol or methanol and submit the rinse.
3. Package in evidence envelope or heat-sealed plastic. Be sure evidence is dry. Place evidence tape across seal and write initials on seal.

B. Clandestine Laboratories:

1. Special packaging is required for Clandestine Laboratories. Please call the laboratory for assistance in packaging these items.

C. Controlled Substances and Latent Prints:

1. If fingerprint testing is required on a container holding controlled substances, separate the controlled substances from the container. Submit the container to the Meridian Lab for fingerprints and the controlled substances to the laboratory handling your region.
2. If submitting paraphernalia that needs controlled substance and fingerprints, please contact the Meridian Lab to determine which test will be done first.

REMEMBER:

- If using a field test, **do not** submit the used test kit or materials.
- Package fresh mushrooms and marijuana plants in **PAPER** not plastic.
- Dry material before submitting to the lab.