

Suspect Evidence Collection

RECOMMENDED SOURCES & TIME FRAMES FOR EVIDENCE COLLECTION*

Area of Contact on Suspect	Collection Time Frame	Collection Method
Known DNA Sample	Always Collect	Buccal swab, FTA card or oral swab recommended; Whole blood not recommended but acceptable
Penile/Scrotal	Up to 96 hours (4 days)	Two (2) swabs
Vaginal	Up to 120 hours (5 days)	Four (4) swabs
Anal/Rectal/Perianal	Up to 72 hours (3 days)	Two (2) swabs
Oral	Up to 24 hours (1 day)	Two (2) swabs
Bite marks/saliva on skin	Up to 96 hours (4 days)	Two (2) swabs
Fingernail/finger swabbing	Up to 48 hours (2 days)	Two (2) swabs
Debris/Dried Secretions	Collect only if applicable by scenario	Two (2) swabs
Underpants	Collect if worn at time of incident or immediately following	N/A
Outer clothing	Collect only if applicable by scenario	N/A

*Recommended time frames based on National Institute of Justice *National Best Practices for Sexual Assault Kits: A Multidisciplinary Approach* (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, August 2017): <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/250384.pdf>

NOTE: Hair combings and pulled hair samples are not recommended.