



## Methamphetamine (Meth) Test Kit Instructions

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### WARNING

The following sample collection instructions are intended as guidelines only. Test results obtained by a non-qualified person (home owner, etc) may not be used for legal evidence in a court of law. If you suspect the presence of methamphetamine contamination, contact your local police, fire, or health department. For more information, contact ALS Environmental (ALS) at 801-266-7700.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this test is to determine the presence or absence of methamphetamine contamination on surfaces. This test will not conclusively determine whether a dwelling or other property is or is not an active "meth lab," or if the dwelling (or property) is or is not hazardous to humans.

### TEST RESULTS

Test results are performed by ALS within three to five working days. Person(s) submitting the test request will be notified of test results by ALS through contact information provided by the person submitting the sample(s).

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- One square paper template
- Two latex gloves
- One sterile gauze packet
- One vial of isopropyl alcohol
- One collection container

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Determine the area to be tested. Secure the square template to the area with tape along the outside edges of the template. (If more than one surface area is to be tested, use a pencil to mark each inside corner of the template as a guideline. Then remove the template before wiping the area.)
2. Place the gloves on your hands.
3. Open the package of gauze and fold ONE gauze strip into quarters.
4. Remove the cap from the vial containing the alcohol and pour the entire contents on the gauze without allowing it to drip.
5. Keep the gauze folded in quarters and grasp between the thumb and fingers. Using firm pressure, thoroughly wipe within the template side to side in an overlapping "Z" pattern. Wipe so that the entire selected surface area is covered. Repeat the wipe within the template top to bottom in an overlapping "N" pattern. Rough surfaces should be "blotted" uniformly, rather than wiped. (If more than one surface area is to be tested, turn or re-fold gauze to expose a clean quarter section and repeat this step. Up to four separate surface areas may be collected, each one using one unused quarter of the gauze.)
6. Place the wiped sample gauze into the collection tube and label with the date and location.
7. Return to ALS for analysis. NOTE: When returning samples please deliver them to Sample Receiving which is located on the northwest side of the building through the double doors on the loading dock. Press buzzer for assistance.

### INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Use of this test kit is evidence that the user agrees to waive, release, hold blameless, and indemnify ALS, its employees, associates, and affiliated laboratories from all causes of actions, law suits, damages, and liabilities arising out of the use and testing of this kit. The user agrees that the release of liability applies to the user, the user's heirs, representatives, assigns, affiliates, and all others associated with the user.

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