

How to take a Tape Lift sample

How to take a Tape Lift sample using a Bio-Tape
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open the mailer box (case) and write down necessary information such as location and sample reference on the label of the Bio-Tape. 2. Take the Bio-Tape out of the case, remove the protective cover, exposing the adhesive portion of the Bio-Tape. Ensure that the adhesive is not touched to avoid contamination. 3. Gently press down on the surface you want to sample. 4. Carefully place the protective cover back on the adhesive portion of the Bio-Tape. Carefully place the Bio-Tape back inside the case and click it shut.
How to take a Tape Lift sample using Sellotape (Cellulose Tape)
<p>Equipment needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear standard Sellotape • Scissors • Non-stick baking paper • Zip-lock bag <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cut a piece of Sellotape of an appropriate length. Ensure that only the ends of the tape are held to minimize contamination. 2. Gently press down on the surface you want to sample. 3. Affix the Sellotape on a piece of non-stick baking paper and place the sample inside a zip-lock bag. 4. Label the zip-lock bag with the location and sample reference.
Important Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that all relevant information is recorded on the Chain of Custody form. • Depending on the degree of contamination, wear gloves or appropriate PPE when taking samples. • When taking samples using Sellotape, it is important that the Sellotape is affixed to a surface that is easily peelable from (such as non-stick baking paper). Do not fold the Sellotape onto itself. • Ensure that the surface tested is smooth and flat to get a good sample of the growth/ discolouration. • It is not recommended to take composite samples (same Bio-tape/ Sellotape used to sample multiple surfaces). This is because the source of fungal growth (if present) will then be indeterminable.