

## How to take a Tape Lift sample

<b>How to take a Tape Lift sample using a Bio-Tape</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Open the mailer box (case) and write down necessary information such as location and sample reference on the label of the Bio-Tape.</li> <li>2. Take the Bio-Tape out of the case, remove the protective liner, exposing the adhesive portion of the Bio-Tape. Ensure that the adhesive is not touched to avoid contamination. Do not replace the protective liner after sampling.</li> <li>3. Gently press down on the surface you want to sample. Do not press down hard as the adhesive is very tacky.</li> <li>4. Carefully remove the slide from the surface and place the Bio-Tape back inside the case and click it shut.</li> </ol>
<b>How to take a Tape Lift sample using clear Sellotape</b>
<p>Equipment needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear standard Sellotape</li> <li>• Scissors</li> <li>• Non-stick baking paper</li> <li>• Zip-lock bag</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cut a piece of Sellotape of an appropriate length. Ensure that only the ends of the tape are held to minimize contamination.</li> <li>2. Gently press down on the surface you want to sample.</li> <li>3. Affix the Sellotape on a piece of non-stick baking paper and place the sample inside a zip-lock bag.</li> <li>4. Label the zip-lock bag with the location and sample reference.</li> </ol>
<b>Important Points</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that all relevant information is recorded on the Chain of Custody form.</li> <li>• Depending on the degree of contamination, wear gloves or appropriate PPE when taking samples.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Ensure that the surface tested is smooth and flat to get a good sample of the growth/ discolouration.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>