

TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Forensic Services Division

Violent Crime Response Team Standard Operating Procedures
Collecting Glass Evidence



10. VCRT Procedures

10.26 Collecting Glass Evidence

10.26.1 Scope

This procedure provides general guidelines in the collection of glass evidence.

10.26.2 Definitions

Refer to VCRT 11.0 Definitions and Abbreviations

10.26.3 Chemicals and Reagents

None

10.26.4 Equipment and Supplies

Packaging materials

10.26.5 Procedure

Collect glass fragments from all sources (i.e., scene, vehicles, etc.) and package glass from each source separately.

Collect and package large glass pieces in rigid containers such as cardboard boxes. Protect the broken or fractured edges of the glass from any additional damage or breakage.

Packaging

It is preferred that small pieces of glass are packaged in the druggist fold with all edges sealed with tape.

Clearly mark the outside packaging as to the location and description of the evidence.