

**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.