

DNA Kit Assembly Instructions



To Assemble Your Kit, You Will Need the Following:

- Three 3X5 Cards
- Three 2X4 Manila Envelopes
- One 8.5X11 Manila Envelope
 - Using this size makes it easy to punch three holes in the side and put it straight into your financial binder/emergency kit as one of the pages.

Assembly Instructions:

- Follow the instructions on the next page in order to assemble your kit properly. Avoid storing samples in plastic.

DNA KIT INSTRUCTIONS

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DNA may be useful to identify missing children when they are located. DNA is not of any value to the Police, the Media, or the Public when they are looking for a missing child. Current, candid photographs are necessary when a child is missing. Photographs should depict children as they appear on a daily basis. Photograph them often to document changes in their appearance.

DNA SAMPLES:

- Prior to collecting any samples, wash your hands.
- Do not seal anything in the kit with saliva.
- Any cell can provide a DNA sample.

SALIVA

1. Have the child rinse his/her mouth out with water.
2. With a clean cotton swab, swab inside the cheek and around gums.
3. Place the cotton swab on an index card and secure with tape.
4. Allow to thoroughly dry in a clean environment.
5. Place the card with the swab into a small envelope that has been labeled.

BLOOD

1. When a child has been cut, saturate a cotton swab with their blood.
2. A bandage that has been stained with blood may be another option.
3. Allow blood to dry completely.
4. Attach sample to an index card with tape.
5. Place the card with the sample into a small, labeled envelope.

HAIR

1. Obtain a few strands of hair with the root attached.
2. Wrap the hair in a tissue.
3. Place the tissue into a small envelope that has been labeled.

Place all three envelopes into a larger envelope that has been labeled with the child's name, date of birth, and the date the samples were obtained. Place the large envelope in the freezer for optimum results. It may also be stored in a cool, dry environment. **DO NOT STORE THEM IN PLASTIC!**

INFORMATION FILE

- Maintain information including current height, weight, scars, marks, and other identification information. The file may be necessary to provide to the police if a child is missing. Time is of the essence when such a report is made.