

## Packaging Blood Specimens for Submission to the MA DPH State Laboratory Following an Unknown Chemical Exposure Event



1 Pack blood tubes from the same patient together. Prevent tube-to-tube contact. Example: A gridded type box lined with an absorbent pad.



2 Seal gridded box or alternative container with one continuous piece of tamper evident tape. The individual making the seal must initial half on the tape and half on the packaging.



3 Wrap container with an absorbent pad and secure with tape. Seal inside a Saf-T-Pak inner, leak-proof polybag or (equivalent).



4 Place the sealed Saf-T-Pak inner leakproof polybag (or equivalent) inside a white Tyvek outer envelope (or equivalent).



5 Seal the opening of this envelope with a continuous piece of tamper evident tape. Write initials half on the tape and half on the envelope.



6 Use a polystyrene foam-insulated, corrugated fiberboard shipper to send specimens to the MDPH State Laboratory. Place absorbent pad in the bottom of the shipper.



7 Place refrigerator packs in a single layer on top of the absorbent material.



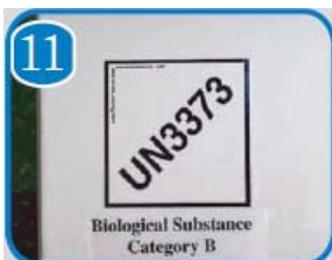
8 Place packaged specimens in the shipper. Use cushioning material to minimize shifting while box is in transit. Place additional refrigerator packs on top of samples.



9 Place a sealed plastic bag, containing the shipping manifest, on top of the packaged specimens inside the shipper. **Keep your chain-of-custody documents for your files.** Place lid on the shipper.



10 Secure the OUTER lid with filamentous shipping tape. Place return address in the upper left-hand corner of the shipper top and put the MDPH Laboratory receiving address in the center (see step 12).



11 Place a UN 3373 label and the words "Biological Substance Category B" on the lower left-hand corner of the shipper top.



12 Send shipment via courier to:

**Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health  
Attn: Dr. Jennifer Jenner, 617-983-6650  
William A. Hinton State Laboratory Institute  
305 South Street  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130**

**Prior to shipping any specimens, please notify MDPH!**

Call one of the following 24/7 numbers:  
- Chemical Terrorism Response Laboratory: 617-839-1283  
- BT/CT Emergency Response: 617-590-6390

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