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The Idaho State Police Forensic Services (ISPFS) laboratory system has revised our syringe acceptance policy. The laboratory will now accept syringes, even those with needles, if it is the only item of evidence in a case. Our policy on packaging requirements for syringes is outlined below. Please refer to your agency's syringe requirements before prelogging a submission to the ISPFS laboratory.

ISPFS Policy:

*15.8.1.b Requirements for syringes:*

*15.8.1.b.1 The syringe shall be packaged in an appropriate biohazard safety tube. The evidence envelope must be clearly labeled as containing a syringe upon submission to the laboratory. The FES will verify the package labeling at the time of submission. Improperly packaged syringes will be returned without analysis.*

*15.8.1.b.2 Syringes shall not be analyzed if other evidence is available which provides the same proof that the examination of the syringe would provide.*

*15.8.1.b.3 Syringes shall be packaged separately if the syringe is part of a multi-exhibit case. If the syringe is not packaged separately, the entire case shall be returned.*

If you have specific questions related to this policy, please contact your regional ISPFS Laboratory Manager.