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PREPARING CLIENTS FOR DNA COLLECTION

A RESOURCE FOR ATTORNEYS

Proper preparation helps ensure a smooth collection experience and accurate, court-admissible results. Use this guide to help your clients understand what to expect and how to prepare for their DNA collection.

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SERIES****WELL-PREPARED CLIENTS. ACCURATE RESULTS.**

✓ Clear Instructions ✓ Better Experience ✓ Reliable Results ✓ Court-Ready

ABOUT BEACON

Beacon Specimen Collection Services is a nurse-led, mobile collection company serving North Alabama. We provide professional DNA collections with strict chain of custody protocols to ensure samples are handled properly from collection to laboratory.

WHY PROPER PREPARATION MATTERS

**Ensures Accuracy**

Following preparation guidelines helps ensure the highest quality DNA sample.

**Supports Admissibility**

Proper preparation helps avoid delays and challenges in court.

**Saves Time**

A little preparation helps create a quick, efficient, and stress-free appointment.

**Protects the Process**

Helps maintain the integrity and chain of custody of the sample at every step.

**Better Experience**

Prepared clients have a more comfortable and confident collection experience.



BEFORE THE APPOINTMENT

- ✓ **Bring Valid Photo ID** – Government-issued photo ID is required for all participants 18 and older.
- ✓ **Review Instructions** – Read all information provided by your attorney and Beacon before your appointment.
- ✓ **Know the Participants** – Ensure all required individuals are available for the collection.
- ✓ **Eat and Drink Normally** – There are no fasting requirements for DNA collection.
- ✓ **Avoid Contamination** – Do not smoke, eat, drink, chew gum, or use mouthwash 30 minutes prior to an oral (cheek swab) collection.
- ✓ **For Children** – Ensure they are well-rested and hydrated. Bring a favorite toy or comfort item if needed.
- ✓ **Arrive on Time** – Please plan to arrive a few minutes early to complete paperwork.
- ✓ **Ask Questions** – Contact Beacon or your attorney if you have any questions before your appointment.



WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE APPOINTMENT

**CHECK-IN & ID VERIFICATION**

We will verify identity for all participants and review the process.

**CONSENT & PAPERWORK**

Participants review and sign consent forms as required.

**COLLECTION**

A trained professional collects the sample using approved methods.

**CHAIN OF CUSTODY DOCUMENTATION**

All documentation is completed and samples are sealed and labeled.

**SECURE SHIPMENT TO LABORATORY**

Samples are shipped using secure, tracked methods to an accredited laboratory.



TIPS TO SHARE WITH CLIENTS

- ✓ Wear clothing that is comfortable and appropriate for the season.
- ✓ Leave all unnecessary items at home.
- ✓ Ensure minors are accompanied by a legal guardian.
- ✓ All participants must be willing to participate.
- ✓ Results take time. Please allow the laboratory their standard turnaround time.
- ✓ Ask your attorney how results will be provided and what to expect next.
- ✓ Contact Beacon if you need to reschedule or have special circumstances.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Following preparation guidelines helps protect the integrity of the sample and ensures results are court-admissible. Thank you for helping us maintain the highest standards of accuracy and professionalism.

**QUESTIONS OR READY TO SCHEDULE?**

Contact Beacon Specimen Collection Services today.



We partner with attorneys to deliver accurate results you can rely on.



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