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Best Practice Recommendation for the Preparation of Test Impressions from Footwear and Tires

4 Recommendations

4.1 General, revised to read:

Prior to making test impressions, the forensic science ~~service practitioner-provider~~ (FS~~SP~~) should recognize and preserve other relevant physical evidence as well as document and photograph the original condition of the shoes, outsoles, tires, and tread design. The FS~~SP~~ should select the method of making test impressions based on the known footwear or tire, case circumstances and products available. Multiple test impression methods may be used if needed.

4.2.5, revised to read:

4.2.5 The FS~~SP~~ should select the method of producing test impressions based on the known footwear, case circumstances, and products available. The methods in this section are suggested, but are not the only possible methods (other methods meeting the criteria of 4.2.1 may be used). Multiple test impression methods may be used if needed. Sections 4.2.6 a) through 4.2.6 f) are acceptable examples of methods used to make footwear test impressions.

4.2.5, revised to read:

4.2.6 FS~~SP~~s should make test impressions using one of the methods listed in 4.2.6 a) through 4.2.6 f).

4.3.8, revised to read:

4.3.8 The FS~~SP~~ should select the method of producing test impressions based on the known tire, case circumstances, and products available. The methods in this section are suggested, but are not the only possible methods (other methods meeting the criteria of 4.3.1 may be used). Multiple test impression methods may be used if needed. Sections 4.3.9 a) through 4.3.9 d) are acceptable examples of methods used to make tire test impressions.

4.3.9, revised to read:

4.3.9 FS~~SP~~s should make test impressions using one of the methods listed in 4.3.9 a) through 4.3.9 d).