

**LP SOP-20 Contamination Control Policy**

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**Purpose:** To establish a policy regarding the authorized access of the latent print section's laboratory as it pertains to controllable factors of evidence contamination.

**Responsibility:**

Latent Print Examiners

**Procedure:**

It is quite often that evidence sent to the forensic laboratory requires multi-section analysis. Therefore, unnecessary contamination must be kept to an absolute minimum. This includes the unnecessary contamination that can be introduced by external non-laboratory sources such as student groups, visiting dignitaries, police officers, state attorneys, investigators, public defenders, and others who provide no technical service required by the laboratory. Therefore only authorized laboratory personnel shall be allowed access to the latent print section's evidence processing laboratory.

Upon authorization of the Laboratory Director, persons who are allowed access to the latent print section's laboratory shall provide the following known standards for laboratory use:

Known Finger & Palm Prints

DNA Sample

**References:**