



## Guide to collecting samples of mould / fungi

- by destructive sampling or using adhesive tape lifts

- If there are fears of breathing in spores or toxins from the mouldy area, wear a mask and even goggles
- **If destructively sampling**, saw or cut as much as possible into the substrate supporting the mould growth (wood / Gib board / paper / fibre-board) before removal. Try not to rip or tear away the sample. This minimises the disruption of the fungus and attached spores.
- Place samples into labelled press or zip-lock plastic bags
- **If taking adhesive tape lift** from the substrate, use either normal clear adhesive tape (i.e. Diamond Sellotape®) or Raeco 24 or 36mm wide backed book tape. If using non-backed adhesive tape, DO NOT fold on itself but stick down lightly onto grease-proof paper or equivalent.
- Label the backing paper (or place into a labelled envelope).
- Press the tape **FIRMLY** onto the surface that is being sampled.
- Fill out details below and courier or post to the laboratory

Best types of adhesive tape




**Details:**

Your reference: .....

Date: .....

Location: .....

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**Contact details:**

Collector: .....

Contact details: .....

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Email address: .....

Notes: .....

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(Attach a business card for convenience)

**For lab use:**

**Our Reference:** .....

**Date received:** : .....

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