



## Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation Criminalistics Division



### Syringes No Longer Accepted February 1, 2018

As of February 1, 2018, the OSBI will no longer accept syringes for analysis in drug cases. For the past several years, OSBI has accepted syringes on a case-by-case basis if the analysis was needed for a felony charge. Currently, all drug possession charges are considered misdemeanors; therefore, the OSBI has decided to cease the practice of analyzing syringes. In rare circumstances, exceptions to this policy may be needed. A request for exceptions must be submitted to and approved by a Criminalistics Administrator or the Criminalistics Services Director.

**If approval has been received and you are submitting a syringe, all syringes/needles MUST be placed in commercially manufactured syringe tubes.**



The officer transporting the evidence to the OSBI laboratory will be asked if the syringe/needle is properly packaged. If he/she does not know, they will be requested to open the evidence and verify or repackage the evidence.

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Call or email the OSBI Safety Coordinator, Melissa Brous, for further information or assistance at 405-715-9500 or [safety@osbi.ok.gov](mailto:safety@osbi.ok.gov).