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FORENSIC SERVICES LABORATORY

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Incineration of Drug Evidence

Please contact the SLED Forensic Services Laboratory to schedule appointments for destruction of drug evidence by incineration. Agencies can schedule destruction appointments by contacting Evidence Control through 803-896-7302 or drugdestruction@sled.sc.gov. Destruction appointments will primarily be scheduled on Monday and Tuesday mornings and can be coordinated with other evidence services.

Agencies are responsible for all items destroyed but will be assisted by the SLED staff with incineration. Agencies must maintain custody of the evidence and plan to provide security and supervision for their evidence throughout the process. Boxes for incineration must contain only drug evidence/paraphernalia and the associated packaging. The incinerator can accommodate boxes up to 14"x18"x36". Quantities accepted for destruction will be discussed during the appointment process.

What can be destroyed using the SLED incinerator:

- Drug Evidence and immediate packaging (Marijuana, Cocaine, Prescription Drugs when part of a case but not in bulk, etc.)
- Drug Paraphernalia made of plastic, glass, or other material that is easily burned

What **CANNOT** be destroyed:

- Metal objects
- Sharps such as syringes, needles, knives, scissors, etc.
- Containers which may have contents under pressure
- Containers containing liquid chemicals that may be combustible or highly flammable such as ethyl ether, gasoline or diesel, or other solvents
- LIVE OR SPENT AMMUNITION
- Bulk pharmaceuticals (such as densely packed take-back material)



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