

Protocol for Use Transparent Anti-Contamination Stepping Plates

THE MANUAL OF STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

It is now a standard requirement for the use of 'Stepping Plates'.

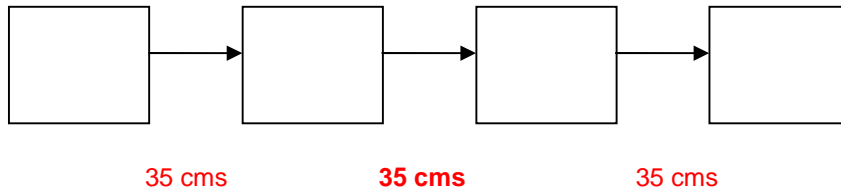
The innovative Forensic Stepping Plate maximizes the opportunity to preserve and collect evidence in a unique way. A pathway can be created through the scene which ensures a methodical, clinical approach to preservation and the gathering of trace evidence. Scene examiners, be they Scenes of Crime Staff, Investigators, Pathologists, Plan Drawers and other scene visitors, can demonstrate to the satisfaction of a Court of Law, that professional standards have been followed in the prevention of cross contamination.

CLEANLINESS & CONTAMINATION FREE USE

1. Ensure plates are clean & free from contaminants prior to use. (See cleaning procedures below).
2. Always wear protective non-slip overshoes. (Contact Forensic Pathways if supplies required).
3. Always use removable rubber feet on base of plates. Removable rubber feet may be removed and retained as *Exhibits* after scene examination or alternatively disposed of as clinical waste.
4. When using Stair Plates (350 x 150) Central Pillars may be used for additional stability

USING THE PLATES – PREPARATION OF THE SCENE

Always place the plates a safe distance apart and never more than (35 cm/14 inches) apart.



Plates should be set out so as to allow the Scene Examiner to walk **centrally onto the plate without stretching or jumping** from Plate to Plate.

CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

1. It is the responsibility of the purchaser to notify FPL of any chemicals they currently use for cleaning equipment in order that this can be checked as suitable for use with polycarbonate.
2. Never use solvent based cleaning agents as they will damage the plates.
3. Do not use high pressure hot power washers

Note: The Company cannot be held responsible for damage or injury caused as a result of incorrect use of equipment or damage caused as the result of incorrect cleaning methods.