Capturing Legible Fingerprints

Proper Capture of Image within Fingerprint Block

INCORRECT
Image printed too low in block.
Image protrudes into neighboring fingerprint block.

CORRECT
Entire image printed in the center of the block.

Proper Orientation of Rolled Fingerprint Impressions

INCORRECT
Image captured at an angle.

CORRECT
Capture image in a vertical upright position.

Proper Capture of Plain Fingerprint Impressions

INCORRECT
Image captured horizontally.

CORRECT
Image captured at an appropriate angle.
White Lines/Cracks/Worn Ridges within Fingerprint Pattern Area

**INCORRECT**

Indicates dry, rough skin. Fingerprint ridge detail not visible.

**CORRECT**

Worn ridge detail may be improved with the following:
1) Ridge Builder
2) Corn Huskers Lotion
3) Lotion containing Aloe Vera
4) Massage finger to force blood to fingertips

Roll Fingerprints Nail to Nail

**INCORRECT**

1) Delta needs to be present in a Loop pattern.
2) Deltas need to be present in a Whorl pattern.

**INCORRECT**

**CORRECT**

1) Roll finger in a smooth continuous motion from nail to nail.
2) Roll thumbs towards subject. Roll fingers away from the subject.
3) Ensure entire first joint of the finger is in constant contact with the card.

Complete Pattern Area Not Present in Rolled Impressions

**INCORRECT**

**CORRECT**
1) Do not apply excessive ink to the fingertip.
2) Do not apply excessive pressure to the fingertip.
3) During capture, turn subject’s wrist and simply guide the finger being printed.

Do not record multiple fingerprint images in a single fingerprint block.