AIR NATIONAL GUARD SAFETY
BIRDSTRIKE EVIDENCE/SNARGE COLLECTION

HOW TO COLLECT BIRDSTRIKE EVIDENCE

BIRDSTRIKE SAMPLE

Whole Feathers

- **Whole Carcass** → Pull (do not cut) breast, back, wing, and tail feathers
- **Feather Fragments** → Collect as much material, feathers, fluff, and tissue as possible

"Snarge" Blood/Tissue → Scrape off all snarge if possible. If too dry, use alcohol spray or alcohol wipe to loosen material. NO BLEACH! NO WATER!

If both whole feathers and "snarge" are available, collect both types of evidence. "The more the merrier."

ALLOW ALL SAMPLES TO COMPLETELY DRY BEFORE SHIPMENT

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

Regular Non-Damaging Strikes:
(US Postal Service)

Smithsonian Institution
Feather Identification Lab
E-600, MRC 116
PO Box 37012
Washington, DC 20013-7012

Overnight Damaging Strikes:
(FED EX, UPS, DHL)

Smithsonian Institution
Feather Identification Lab
E-600, MRC 116
10th & Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20560

What to include in the shipment:

Air Force Wildlife Strike Report (**AF Form 853**)

IF FOREIGN:

Certificate of Origin
US APHIS permit
Certification of Treatment

Source: Feather Identification Lab, Smithsonian Institution