

## What do I do with a broken tube?

Occasionally sampling tubes break. Depending on the degree of breakage, there are different details to keep in mind. Dispose of broken glass according to your protocol. Spilled sorbent is non-toxic and can be disposed of in the garbage or with the broken glass. Please note that the middle sorbent is very fine and can smear – it is best to use a vacuum to clean up any spills involving this material. We are able to save any sorbent that is not lost in a break and recycle it. See below for more specific directions.

**Type of break:** One or both ends cracked, chipped or broken off

**Sorbent Status:** All sections of sorbent are intact within the tube

**Handling of Tube:** Carefully place only sorbent-containing part of tube in glass vial with white cap and return to Prism

**Replacement:** Tube will be replaced at no charge

**Type of Break:** Tube is broken somewhere in the middle

**Sorbent Status:** One or more sections of sorbent are intact within the tube

**Handling of Tube:** Carefully place only sorbent-containing parts into glass vial with white cap and return to Prism

**Replacement:** Tube will be replaced at no charge

**Type of Break:** Tube is completely broken/smashed

**Sorbent Status:** None of the sorbent is left intact within the tube

**Handling of Tube:** Carefully dispose of broken glass. If it is possible, note the tube ID number and notify Prism of the break

**Replacement:** If desired, tube will be replaced for \$30 deposit (standard deposit for tubes)

**Note:** We are only able to analyze a sample if ALL sections of sorbent are intact. Also, do NOT use a broken tube to collect a sample.

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