

# Wisconsin Automated Fingerprint Identification System Guidelines for Capturing Acceptable Fingerprints



For more information or training contact the Madison Crime Laboratory : 608-266-2031.

Good, clear impressions of the ridge patterns are essential for identification.



Acceptable  
Fingerprint

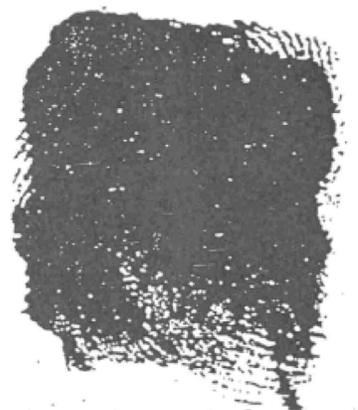


**Print Too Light**  
Apply more pressure  
OR ink.



**Partial Print**  
Take straight-down  
from first joint to tip.

- Fingerprint clean hands only
- Dry hands thoroughly
- Take impressions in correct fingerprint boxes
- Produce clear impressions - Do not slip or smudge
- If unable to print - note why in finger block
- Center impression in finger block
- Live Scan - Clean glass between each rolling



**Print Too Dark**  
Apply less pressure OR  
ink.



**Excess Perspiration**  
Dry OR wipe finger  
with alcohol, ink and  
print one finger at a  
time.



**Ink Unevenly  
Distributed**  
Ensure ink and pres-  
sure is evenly distribut-  
ed.



**Excessively Dry  
(Worn Ridges)**  
Soak fingers and air  
dry OR moisturize with  
oils/lotion.

Fingerprints that are not acceptable in quality will be rejected and require recollection.