

Step 1:

# Tear Collection

When collecting tears we want you to follow these instructions.



Have a mirror, an open the reaction tube, and a pipet at hand before you start crying.

Once you start crying, tilt back your head. This makes it easier to capture your tears. Since they otherwise roll too far down your cheek.

Squeeze the round end of the pipet between your thumb and index finger.

Move the tip of the pipet towards the tear on your cheek.

Gently release the pressure on the round end of the pipet, this will make sure the tear fluid is forced up the pipet.

Put the pipet tip into the reaction tube and squeeze the round end with your thumb and index finger. This will release the tear drop fluid into the reaction tube.

During the first few drops, it might happen that the tear fluid is not coming out of the pipet. Keep collecting tears like described above until the pipet is releasing tear drops into the reaction tube.

It's important we get enough tear fluid, which means we need at least 0.15ml (which is marked on the tube) of tear fluid in 1 single reaction tube from one crying session.

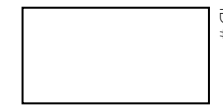
# About

Every tear has a hidden story. They are small droplets of fluid, but at the same time complex vials of human emotion produced by one of the most basic and primal expressions of our feelings and thoughts: crying. In 2015, Maurice Mikkers started on a quest to turn tears into works of art, which resulted in the 'Imaginarium of Tears'.

Imaginarium of Tears is an ongoing photography project. Mikkers captures the beauty of tears by crystalizing and subsequently photographing them underneath a microscope. The results are stunning works of art that have been featured by Wired.com, Business Insider, National Geographic, Gizmodo, Al Jazeera and many more.

These micrographs of crystallized tears function as story starters. Mikkers: "Since every tear has a hidden story, the ultimate goal is to create more awareness around the stories and challenges faced in life that caused these tears, therefore hopefully bringing people closer together." Mikkers believes we should embrace our tears. "They are one of the true expressions of yourself and your connection to the world."

**Read more:**  
[imaginariumoftears.com/about/](http://imaginariumoftears.com/about/)



Imaginarium of Tears

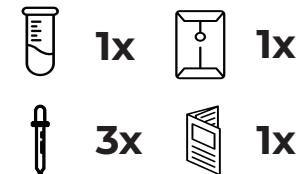
# Hello, this is your unique Tear Collection Kit.

**From experience we know that crying on command is hard, thats why we have created the Tear Collection Kit. A kit easy to carry or store, helping you to capture tears from your most genuine moments in life.**

Please read the instructions carefully before you start. We ask you to do this so the process of collecting tears goes as smooth as possible, when capturing a genuine moment.

## Tear Collection Kit contents:

Your Tear Collection Kit should contain the following items.



## Contact:

If you have any questions, problems, tips and or feedback regarding this Tear Collection kit please contact us: [kit@imaginariumoftears.com](mailto:kit@imaginariumoftears.com)

# Tips & Tricks

These tips and tricks might help you during the collection of tears. Got any tips? Please share them with us!



Make sure you are not wearing any makeup, and that the area around your eyes is clean before capturing your unique tears.



Have a mirror at hand if you are collecting tears yourself. Otherwise ask someone else to capture your tears.



Only get tears that are close around the eye or on your cheek, don't use the pipet to get fluids from the eye.



You can use the same pipet several times between capturing and dispensing your tears in the reaction tube while shedding tears.



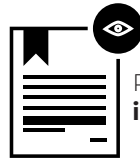
Please provide us with tears only, don't put anything else in the reaction tube.

Step 2:

# Registration

After collecting your tears, please register your unique tear and share your story online.

## Online Registration Form:



Please go to:  
[imaginariumoftears.com/activate/](https://www.imaginariumoftears.com/activate/)

## Confirmation code (CFM):

Please provide us with your confirmation code. This code is provided at the end of the submission form, as well as in the confirmation mail. Without this code we can't match your unique tear with your provided information.



Step 3:

# Packing

Please enclose the following in the provided silver bubble envelope with return address.

## Reaction tube:



- At least 0.15ml tear fluid
- Properly closed reaction tube
- ID # Label attached to reaction tube

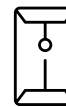
## Tear Collection Kit From:



- Registered your tear online
- CFM code provided on this form
- Included this form in the return envelope

Once you've completed the steps above, it's time to send back the Tear Collection Kit.

## Return envelope:



- Firmly closed
- Right amount of postage  
We recommend you to use a priority mailservice (tracking) to ensure your unique tear gets back to us.
- Customs declaration form added  
If you are outside the EU please add a Customs declaration form.