

be started upwind of the area and be continued in the wind direction to the other side.

2.3 Sampling

2.3.1 Recommended sampling sites

When the contaminated area has been localized and examined in accordance with the methods described in Chapter 2.2, the sampling sites should be selected using the following criteria:

- Samples should be collected within the area where the highest concentrations of chemical agents are believed to be found, i.e. in the area where the highest concentrations have been indicated by the localization procedures (Chapter 2.2).
- Weather conditions influence the persistence of chemical warfare agents. Samples should therefore be collected from sites where weather conditions have least influence on the recovery of the various agents.
- If it is impossible to define the contaminated area, samples should be collected randomly over the whole area where the use of chemical warfare agents was alleged to have taken place.

2.3.2 Recommended sample materials

When samples are collected for verification of the use of chemical warfare agents, it is important to consider the sample materials which should be selected: