

# Crime Scene Basics

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## 1. Crime Scene Vocabulary

\_\_\_\_\_ : Any physical location in which a crime has occurred or is suspected of having occurred.

\_\_\_\_\_ Crime Scene: The original location of a crime or accident.

\_\_\_\_\_ Crime Scene: An alternate location where additional evidence may be found.

\_\_\_\_\_ : Person thought to be capable of committing a crime.

\_\_\_\_\_ : Second person associated with committing a crime.

\_\_\_\_\_ : Statement of where a suspect was at the time of a crime.

## 2. Types of Evidence

\_\_\_\_\_ evidence would be any witnessed accounts of an incident or crime.

\_\_\_\_\_ evidence would refer to any material items that are present at the crime scene or on the victims.

\_\_\_\_\_ evidence refers evidence that is found at a crime scene in small but measurable amounts.

## 3. What will evidence collected at a scene do for the investigation?

- May \_\_\_\_\_ that a crime has been committed
- Establish any \_\_\_\_\_ of a crime
- Link a \_\_\_\_\_ with a crime scene or a victim
- Establish the \_\_\_\_\_ of a victim or suspect
- Corroborate verbal \_\_\_\_\_ testimony
- Exonerate the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Give \_\_\_\_\_ leads to work with in the case

## 4. Crime Scene Personnel

\_\_\_\_\_ are typically the first to arrive at a crime scene. They are responsible for securing the scene so no evidence is destroyed and detaining persons of interest in the crime.

The \_\_\_\_\_ documents the crime scene in detail and collects any physical evidence.

The \_\_\_\_\_ is often present to help determine if any search warrants are required to proceed and obtains those warrants from a judge.

The \_\_\_\_\_ (if a homicide) may or may not be present to determine a preliminary cause of death.

\_\_\_\_\_ (entomologists, forensic scientists, forensic psychologists) may be called in if the evidence requires expert analysis.

\_\_\_\_\_ interview witnesses and consult with the CSI unit. They investigate the crime by following leads provided by witnesses and physical evidence.

## 5. Crime Scene Protocol

What steps will an investigator follow to analyze and document a crime scene?

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**CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS**

**Challenge: What evidence would you collect from this crime scene?**

Circle the items you would collect and then explain how you would use them to gather clues about the crime.



Mock Crime Scene: <http://www.mass.gov>