

Crime Scene Preservation

Where a crime has been committed its imperative the scene is preserved so evidence can be expertly gathered by Scenes of Crime Investigators. This is especially important when a serious incident has taken place, such as a stabbing or a murder. At any incident preservation of life and safety of others takes priority over the preservation of evidence.

Step 1

Secure the area or cell by restricting access by using banner tape or by locking the door.



Step 2

A member of staff is to remain at the crime scene and start a crime scene log.



Step 3

Following a serious incident, the police are to be contacted immediately to report the crime and to seek advice on the next steps.



Step 4

Staff are to only visually check the crime scene and not to interfere with the crime scene in any way.



Step 5

Only permitted personnel are to enter the crime scene with the correct protective clothing.



Step 6

The scene is to be released following advice from the police and when all investigations are complete.

