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Arriving at the Crime Scene

Crime Scene: *location or site where an offence took place*

Officers arrive on the scene there are tasks that must be performed



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Arriving at the Crime Scene

- 1) Call and Ambulance and assist injured people at the scene
- 2) Call in reinforcements to eliminate hazards
- 3) Must search the crime scene
- 4) Once they have searched the crime scene they can assume that it is safe



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- Crime Scenes are preserved
to allow for a thorough search of
the scene
- to seize and collect physical
evidence
- to ensure that the physical
evidence is admissible in court

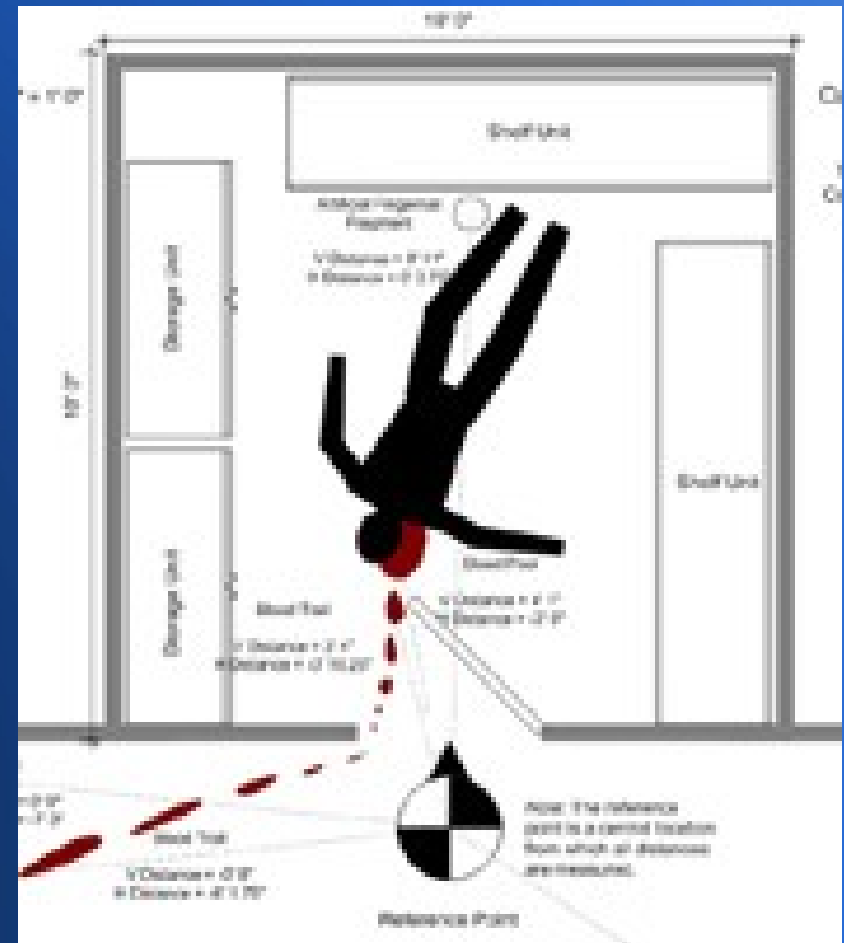


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To protect the crime scene the officers must establish two boundaries

The Centre: or the area in which the offence was committed

The Perimeter: are the surrounding areas where the alleged offender may have been present or left evidence



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Crown's success depends on the condition of the physical evidence taken from the crime scene



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If evidence is not managed properly it can become contaminated

Contamination is the loss, destruction, or alteration of evidence

Investigators keep a police log which is a written record of what the officer witnessed

Investigators also use photos, sketches and other recording techniques



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There are four roles for
officers at the crime
scene



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A Patrol Officer:

has a “beat” that they check regularly.

Often the first member of the Police to arrive

Is charged with securing the Crime Scene

Conduct initial interviews with suspects

May also arrest suspects when they come across a crime in progress



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Scene of the Crime Officer

Trained in evidence collection and preservation

Skilled photographers, lifting fingerprints, taking tire and foot impressions

Collect blood and hair evidence

Tend to work less serious offences



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Criminal Identification Officer

Responsible for searching the crime scene

Looking for physical evidence

Gathering and analyzing evidence

Sending evidence to the lab

Collects skin under fingernails



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Criminal Investigations Bureau Officer

Plain clothes detective with experience in a particular area of crime

Trained to supervise investigations

Interview victims and witnesses

- Interrogate suspects, draw conclusions from evidence and
- Arrest suspects

