Why are the kits essential for any crime scene investigation?

Crime scene investigation is the process of recognizing, preserving and collecting physical evidence – more precisely called physical traces – in order to reconstruct and understand past criminal events. These traces are silent witnesses containing information of utmost importance. Loss of these information as a result of destruction, deterioration, or lack of awareness could thus potentially jeopardise an entire investigation.

The CSI kits are assets to any crime scene investigation. They lower the risk of compromising physical traces due to the readily available material and equipment stored in practical and portable cases, which are easily deployable on the field. These kits facilitate the complete and systematic processing of any crime scene.
How can UNODC assist Member States with the use of the kits?

Upon request, UNODC furnishes customisable on-site training programmes for crime scene investigation, which include the presentation and use of the CSI kits and can be tailored to meet the needs of beneficiary countries.

Access to E-learning modules, available online upon request by Member States, allow users to gain or enhance their knowledge of crime scene investigation at their own pace.

In addition, numerous publications of the UNODC scientific and forensic services programme, including manuals on crime scene investigation, are available online at:


Who can use the UNODC crime scene investigation kits?

The UNODC CSI kit for first responders is intended for front-line law enforcement or military officers to secure, document and preserve crime scenes and to detect and collect basic physical traces (e.g. objects or visible 2D traces).

The UNODC CSI kit for crime scene investigators is customized to allow CSI and forensic experts to conduct detailed crime scene investigations including additional tasks (e.g. preservation and collection of latent or 3D traces).
The UNODC crime scene investigation kits (i.e. CSI kit for first responders and CSI kit for crime scene investigators) are available upon request. Total cost will be communicated in due course.

If required, in-person training workshops can be arranged subject to the availability of funds.

Requests for CSI kits and training programmes should be channelled through the office of UNODC’s Country/Regional Representative. In countries/regions where no such office exists, please contact UNODC Laboratory and Scientific Section at:

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