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## CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION KITS



## What are the UNODC crime scene investigation (CSI) kits?

There are two types of kits customized for use by **first responders and crime scene investigators**. These kits contain equipment required on-site to effectively conduct crime scene investigation under different conditions.

Both types of CSI kits are robust wheeled cases containing **health & safety items, including personal protective equipment; materials for proper crime scene documentation, including photography and note taking; and efficient trace collection, eg. fingerprint collection kits.**

Additional equipment such as alternative light sources, buccal cell collection kits and casting kits are only available in the CSI kits customised for crime scene investigators.



## 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**.







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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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