

EVIDENCE IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

COURSE OVERVIEW

All criminal cases rely on evidence for decisions to be made as to whether to take enforcement action or instigate legal proceedings. The first test that needs to be satisfied when considering legal proceedings is the evidential test. Failure to ensure that evidence collected or generated during the course of a criminal investigation is managed correctly could result in a case being lost in court.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Appreciate the importance of the evidential test when considering legal proceedings.
- Apply best practice when gathering physical, digital, oral or other evidential material.
- Understand the different classifications of evidence that can be gathered in the course of a criminal investigation.
- Know the importance of the security and retention of evidence.
- Identify the different types of evidence that can be presented in court, including bad character evidence.
- Understand unfair evidence and when evidence may be excluded.

COURSE FORMAT

Duration: One day

Method: In person or online

Materials: Course handouts provided

Certification: Completion certificate provided with 6 CPD credits

AUDIENCE

This course has been designed for any individual involved in gathering, managing, handling or reviewing evidence as part of criminal investigations and proceedings. It is therefore suitable for investigators, enforcement officers, evidence gatherers, disclosure officers, intelligence officers, prosecutors, team leaders and managers.

