

# GATHERING AND MANAGING EVIDENCE AND EXHIBITS CORRECTLY

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## COURSE INFORMATION

Evidence and exhibits are the backbone to criminal investigations. Without these cases cannot be investigated or prosecuted. Evidence and exhibits help to establish the facts surrounding the report, identify witnesses or suspects, corroborate other information and assist in preparing and presenting cases to the court to determine innocence or guilt.

## 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.

## COURSE LENGTH AND DELIVERY METHODS

The course is a one-day course.

It can be delivered virtually or in-person.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Apply best practice for securing, preserving and handling different types of evidence and exhibits.
- Know how to document evidence and exhibits accurately.
- Maintain the chain of custody for evidence and exhibits, ensuring integrity and admissibility in court.
- Use exhibit management systems to store and manage evidence and exhibits.
- Know the types of evidence that can be gathered in criminal investigations.
- Understand the implications for the mishandling of evidence and exhibits.

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