

# Gathering and Managing Evidence and Exhibits Correctly

## 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 suspects, corroborate other information and assist in presenting cases to the court to determine innocence or guilt.

But when evidence and exhibits are handled incorrectly, this can cause serious issues for the investigation and any subsequent enforcement action.



Where the integrity of evidence or exhibits is compromised this can lead to significant issues including:

- The evidence or exhibit being deemed inadmissible.
- The integrity of the officer or organisation being questioned.
- Miscarriages of justice.

This one-day course provides for how to gather and manage evidence and exhibits correctly within criminal investigations.

## AUDIENCE

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

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Understand what evidence is.
- Know what an exhibit is and how to reference it correctly within evidence.
- Identify the classifications of evidence that can be gathered as part of a criminal investigation.
- Understand how to gather, record and manage different types of evidence and exhibits collected throughout an investigation.
- Understand the importance of the chain of evidence.
- Appreciate the importance of the security and retention of evidence and exhibits.