

Gathering and Managing Exhibits Course

COURSE INFORMATION:

Throughout a criminal investigation it is likely that a number of exhibits will be seized. It is important that these are considered for any evidential or investigative opportunities that may be presented by the item seized. It is also imperative that seized property is stored in a secure and appropriate way for the duration of the investigation, or as long as required.



It is important that individuals involved in the investigation keep a constant review of the status of any exhibits gathered throughout the course of an investigation. Investigators have a duty to ensure that all reasonable lines of enquiry are completed, and that material is gathered, recorded and retained as part of that investigation. Some exhibits which were felt not to be relevant, may become relevant as the investigation progresses.

Failure to ensure that any exhibits collected or generated during a criminal investigation are correctly logged, and the chain of continuity maintained can undermine the investigation process which may lead to a case being lost in court.

This course can be delivered both virtually or in-person.

AUDIENCE

This course has been designed for any individual involved in gathering, managing or reviewing evidence 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 an exhibit is.
- Understand how to produce an exhibit.
- Understand how to deal with the continuity of exhibits.
- Understand how to correctly seize an exhibit.
- Understand how to detail exhibits correctly in statements.
- Understand how to correctly complete an evidence bag.
- Understand how to manage exhibits in relation to their storage and disposal.
- Understand how to correctly manage the opening of an evidence bag.