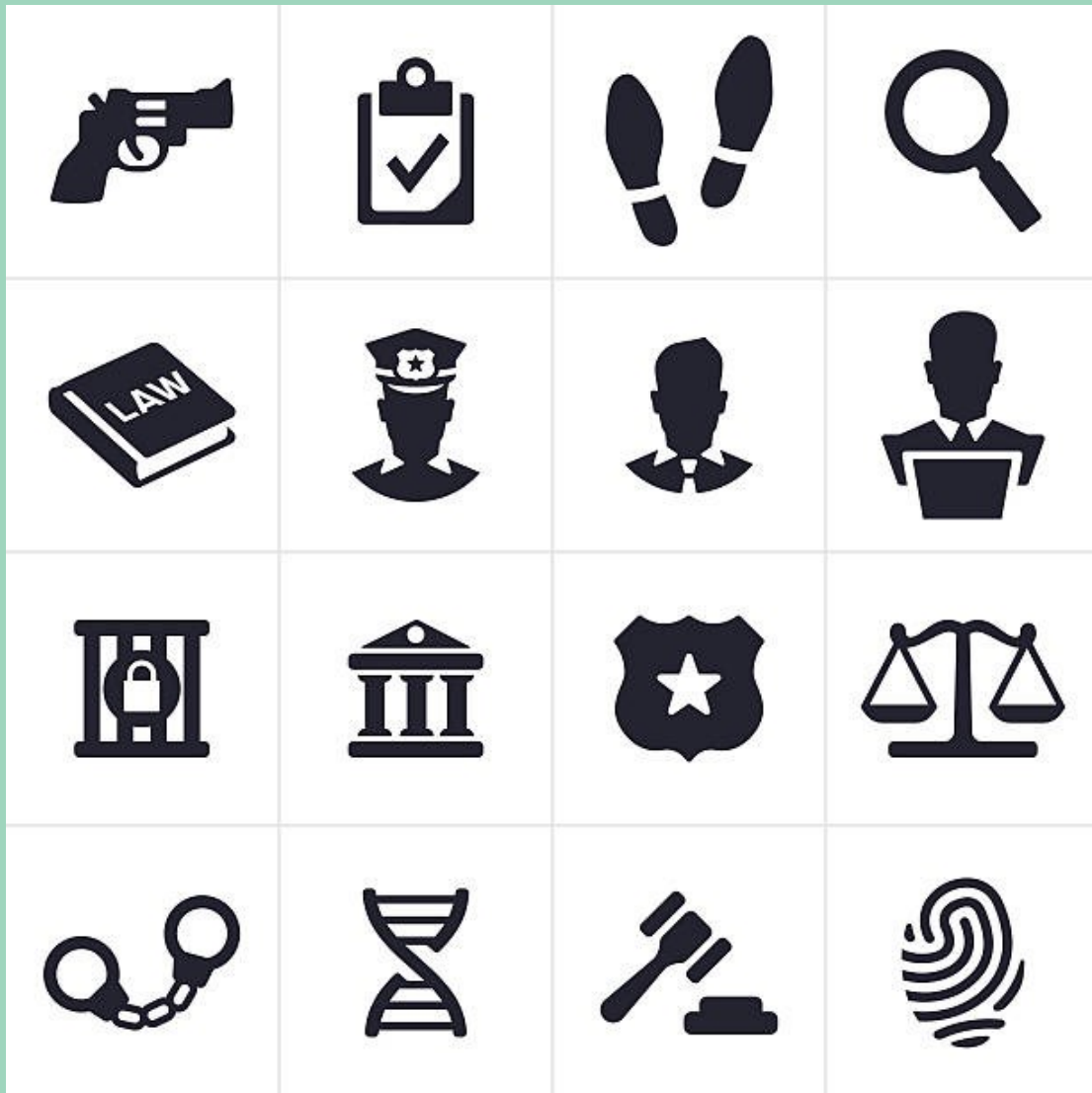


CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATOR



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FORENSIC

(FəˈRɪnsɪk)

relating to or denoting the application of scientific methods and techniques to the investigation of crime.



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WHAT DO CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATORS DO?

The role of a Crime Scene Investigator (CSI) or Scene of Crime Officer (SOCO) focuses on finding, documenting (by notes/ photographs/video), collecting, preserving and packaging physical evidence from crime scenes.

Crimes where CSI are commonly deployed are:

- ⇒ Volume crimes— burglary, vehicle crime
- ⇒ Major crimes—assault, murder, suspicious deaths
- ⇒ Fires
- ⇒ Gun crimes

CSIs may collect everything from firearms and fingerprints to DNA samples and photographic evidence.



WHERE DO CSIs WORK?

Crime Scene Investigators are employed directly within the police services across the UK and Ireland.

- ⇒ **Police forces** in England and Wales, **Scottish Police Authority**, **Forensic Science Northern Ireland**, **Forensic Science Ireland**



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WHAT SKILLS DOES A CSI NEED?

- ⇒ Attention to detail
- ⇒ Science based education qualifications/experience
- ⇒ Ability to work alone and as part of a team
- ⇒ Good photography/video skills are useful
- ⇒ Driving license
- ⇒ Good communication skills



HOW DO I BECOME A CSI?

Most new CSIs have at least A level science qualifications, ideally with a graduate qualification in science, forensic science or crime scene.

Applicants need to be healthy, physically fit and pass a medical examination. All forces require good eyesight, including normal colour vision.

Police forces will carry out a security check of a persons background, criminal convictions and employment history.

Courses with CSFS educational accreditation
www.csfs.org/Accredited-course-search



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USEFUL LINKS AND EXAMPLE ROLES

nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/scenes-of-crime-officer

www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/site-page/what-crime-scene-investigator

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/careers/workin/Police.htm>

<https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/articles/careers-forensic-science>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/crime-scene-investigator>