

Section A — Crime Scene Processing Notes

• Crime scene processing involves taking steps to ensure the methodical and lawful collection of information and evidence at a crime scene.



• Proper processing aids in the reconstruction of a crime and assists in the admissibility of evidence for court proceedings.

The following steps are taken by Investigators when processing a crime scene:

1. Provide medical attention to injured persons. *
2. Secure the scene. *
3. Interview witnesses. *
4. Photograph the scene.
5. Record notes.
6. Sketch the scene.
7. Conduct a search.
8. Collect and package evidence.



* Steps 1, 2 and 3 are performed simultaneously as there is typically more than one investigator present.
If there is just **one investigator** present then the priority is to **provide medical attention**.

Overview of Steps

1. Provide medical attention to injured persons.

2. Secure the scene.

- a. This is the responsibility of the first officers that arrive at the scene.
- b. Post tapes, ropes and barricades around the perimeter of the scene.
- c. Exclude people who are not directly involved in the investigation. This avoids possible tampering of evidence.
- d. Record the names of all people involved.

