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Introduction

This document is part of a series which, when completed, will include the different components of the forensic process from scene to courtroom. This document establishes requirements designed to safeguard the reliability of results produced by the forensic process. It includes measures to protect items during the process of recognition, recording, collecting, transport and storage, which apply throughout the forensic process, both in the field and in the facility. The requirements are designed to protect items from loss, degradation, contamination and to minimize the negative impact of handling or packaging on downstream process.

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