

POLICE COMPASS

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FREE LEGAL GLOSSARY

Accelerant: a substance that burns rapidly and will start and encourage a fire.

Dark Web: a very small portion of the deep Web where websites and pages are intentionally hidden and are not accessible using a standard web browser.

Exculpatory: information that clears or tends to clear a person of guilt.

Rifling: a series of spiral grooves made in the barrel of a gun to ensure that the bullet flies in a straight line, providing class characteristics.

Telewarrant: an alternative method of applying for a warrant, whether by telephone or by other means of telecommunications.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF EVIDENCE AND CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

What is evidence? In criminal proceedings, evidence typically refers to the physical things left behind at a crime scene or the statements made by victims or witnesses that help investigators determine the course of events that took place during a crime. Evidence can also refer to the things that can be admitted in a legal proceeding as proof of the facts in issue.

The collecting and presenting of evidence are subject to the law of evidence. The law of evidence is shaped by the common law (based upon the decisions of judges over time) and the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

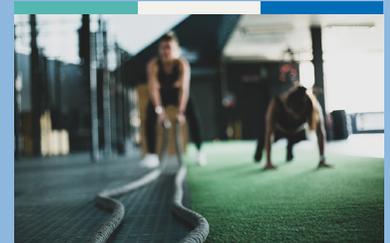
Because of the serious consequences to the accused associated with criminal charges, police must fully understand the importance of [\(continued on page 2\)](#)



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CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION (CONT'D)

carefully collecting evidence in the investigation of crime to ensure that they do not jeopardize its use at trial. In order to protect the admissibility of evidence, investigators should abide by general rules governing searches and the collection of evidence.

As explained in *Evidence and Investigation: From the Crime Scene to the Courtroom*, second edition, evidence from searches, whether of a physical space or a person, must be properly obtained. The risk of evidence being excluded by a court can be significantly reduced, or prevented entirely, by employing certain practices as a police officer. Evidence from searches can be protected by ensuring that you obtain judicial pre-authorization to conduct the search (a warrant). In addition to obtaining the warrant, specific guidelines should be followed in special circumstances such as strip searches.

In addition to taking special steps to protect evidence obtained from searches, crime scene evidence can be protected by preventing contamination and ensuring continuity. This requires officers to employ proper crime scene management and investigation techniques. In order to ensure the admissibility of evidence, there are specific responsibilities incumbent upon the first officers to arrive at a crime scene, forensic investigators, and senior officers overseeing the investigation.

Source: Watkins, K., Anderson, G., Bulmer, W., & Rondinelli, V. (2019). *Evidence and Investigation: From the Crime Scene to the Courtroom (2nd ed.)*. Toronto: Emond. Online: emond.ca/eaiftcsttc2



RESOURCES FOR POLICE FOUNDATIONS STUDENTS

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OACP: oacp.on.ca

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TPS: torontopolice.on.ca/careers

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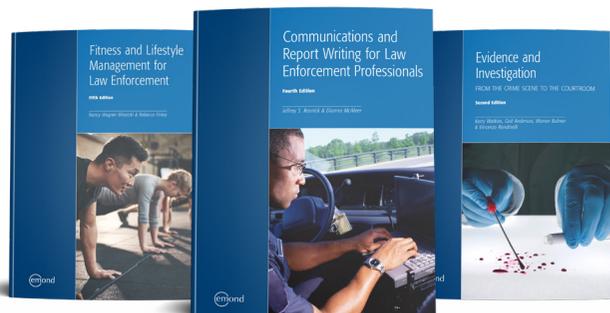
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SEVEN STEPS FOR DE-ESCALATING CONFLICT SITUATIONS

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1. **Respond to the circumstances in a calm and reassuring way.**
2. **Separate the parties in an effort to reduce tensions.**
3. **If the parties remain stressed, take greater control of the situation by asserting verbal or physical command.**
4. **Maintain an authoritative or assertive manner.**
5. **Address the concerns of the parties involved in the situation as quickly as possible.**
6. **If the situation continues to escalate and there is a potential for violence, remove the parties from the area.**
7. **Do not threaten the parties with force or arrest to compel performance.**

Source: Pardy, J. (2019) *Conflict Management in Law Enforcement (4th ed.)*. Toronto: Emond. Online: emond.ca/cmile2

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Wagner Wisotzki, N. (2018). *Fitness and Lifestyle Management for Law Enforcement (5th ed.)*. Toronto: Emond. Online: emond.ca/falmfle5

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Francis Bacon

"Law without justice is a wound without a cure."

William Scott Downey