



CRIMINOLOGY

Scenes of crime officers (SOCOs) work with police to collect and record evidence from where a crime took place.



Protective service occupations (SOC3)

UK annual median: £42,367

South West annual median: £42,597

Top 3 regions: London (£48,474), Scotland (£43,254), Channel Islands (£42,597)

Day-today duties

- preserving and protecting crime scenes
- finding out **what evidence is needed**
- **recording the scene** using photography and video
- developing, recording and capturing **fingerprint evidence**
- **finding, recording and recovering evidence**
- **keeping written records**, producing statements and updating systems with details of evidence
- You may also need to **give evidence in court or attend post-mortems.**

Entry requirements

Entry requirements vary across police forces and different countries, but you'll usually need:

- an **undergraduate degree** in a relevant subject like **forensic science, biological sciences, chemistry, or photography**
- at least **six months' experience in police work or a related field**, like intelligence gathering and analysis
- a driving license

Any qualification in **photography or video** could be helpful, although not essential.



Where can I study criminology?

6th Form – A Levels

City College Plymouth - [Forensic and Criminal Investigation - BTEC level 3](#)

Exeter University - [BSc Criminology](#)

Watch the clip

[Introduction to Crime Scenes](https://youtu.be/JgzdhUAJrBA)
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