



National  
Operational  
Guidance

## Control measure

**Secure the scene for investigation**



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### TRAINING SPECIFICATION

#### Knowledge and understanding

##### Control measure element

##### Learning outcome

Secure the scene for investigation

Understand:

- The need to secure the scene and preserve evidence immediately, unless doing so could:

- Affect safety
- Interfere with any lifesaving activities
- Prevent fire and rescue service statutory duties
- Impact on achieving a successful conclusion of the incident

- How cordons can be used to secure the scene
- The importance of minimising the number of people allowed on the scene
- The need to minimise the movement of casualties, objects and wreckage
- When responsibility for the security of the scene will pass to other agencies

#### Practical application

##### Control measure element

##### Learning outcome

Secure the scene to ensure evidence is preserved for investigations

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Secure the scene to ensure evidence is preserved for investigation



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**Control measure element**

**Learning outcome**

Inform all personnel of known or likely areas of interest for fire or criminal investigation, so that these can be avoided

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Use cordons to prevent areas of particular interest for investigation being disturbed
- Inform personnel about areas to be avoided if possible

Minimise the number of personnel allowed into the scene

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Only allow authorised personnel within the cordon
- Ensure personnel use a clear common approach path to:
  - Protect physical evidence
  - Prevent cross-contamination

Minimise the potential for 'foreign objects' to be taken into the scene

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Keep a record of any 'foreign objects' taken into the scene by personnel

Hand over responsibility for the security of premises and removed items to the responsible person or the police

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Hand over responsibility to the police or statutory investigation team when fire and rescue service operations are complete