

# CRIME SCENE OPERATIONS

If you believe a crime has been committed, immediately contact law enforcement. Scene safety is paramount. Protect yourself and other EMS personnel. Once a crime scene is deemed safe by law enforcement, initiate patient contact and medical care.

- Do not touch or move anything at a crime scene unless it is necessary to do so for patient care.
- Have all EMS providers use the same path of entry and exit.
- Do not walk through fluids on the floor.
- Observe and document original location of items moved by crew.
- When removing patient clothing, leave it intact as much as possible.
- Do not cut through clothing holes made by gunshot or stabbing.
- If you remove any items from the scene, such as impaled objects or medication bottles, document your actions and advise investigating officers.
- Do not sacrifice patient care to preserve evidence.
- Do not go through the patient's personal effects.
- If the patient is obviously dead, contact the responding EMS Squad and advise for directions to withhold resuscitative measures, and do not touch the body.