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(this Standard)

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The purpose of this Standard is to set out standard practices for the recognition, recording, recovery, transport and storage of physical material from crime scenes in order to preserve its integrity for forensic purposes. The provisions of this document are aimed at qualified personnel with demonstrated competence in the use of appropriate scientific procedures and techniques in a forensic context.

The terms ‘normative’ and ‘informative’ have been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A ‘normative’ appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an ‘informative’ appendix is only for information and guidance.

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