CRIME SCENE CONTAINMENT/PRESERVATION/PROCESSING CHECKLIST

Complete N/A  **First responder responsibilities:**
☐ ☐ Determine if a possible crime scene exists.
☐ ☐ Notify, isolate, contain, and control.
☐ ☐ Call for assistance.
☐ ☐ Evacuate and secure the crime scene.
☐ ☐ • Depending on circumstances, incarcerated individuals that are present may need to be ordered to lie down or placed against the wall. All ID cards will be secured before removal from the area.
☐ ☐ • If evacuation of incarcerated individuals from the area is required, secure ID cards as individuals are escorted from the area.
☐ ☐ If a weapon(s) is present and incarcerated individuals are in the area, secure the weapon immediately.
☐ ☐ If a weapon(s) is present and incarcerated individuals are not in the area, leave the weapon where it lies.
☐ ☐ If medical assistance is needed, ensure the area is secure and it is safe to render medical assistance.
☐ ☐ Make every attempt to avoid contamination of the area.
☐ ☐ Establish the perimeter of the suspected crime scene. Always identify a larger area than it may initially be.
☐ ☐ The crime scene perimeter can always be made smaller.
☐ ☐ Ensure facility Investigators and law enforcement are notified and respond to the scene.
☐ ☐ If facility Investigators/law enforcement cannot respond immediately, the crime scene will be secured or monitored by employees/contract staff until facility Investigators/law enforcement arrive on scene.
☐ ☐ Incarcerated individuals suspected of being directly involved in the incident will be secured and placed in a holding cell until facility Investigators/law enforcement establish what his/her involvement in the incident is.
☐ ☐ The clothing s/he is wearing should be collected and each piece secured in paper bags separately.
☐ ☐ If a victim(s) exist(s), the clothing they are wearing should be collected and each piece secured in paper bags separately at the earliest opportunity.

Complete N/A  **Facility Investigator crime scene preservation/coordination responsibilities:**
☐ ☐ Respond to crime scene with “Go Bag”.
☐ ☐ When facility Investigators/law enforcement arrive at the crime scene, they take control of the area.
☐ ☐ When facility Investigators/law enforcement respond to a crime scene together, a processing strategy will be discussed and implemented.
☐ ☐ If the crime scene is outside and may be affected by the weather, every attempt must be made to protect suspected evidence.
☐ ☐ A recorder will be established so that all individuals that enter/leave the area and any significant events that occur at the crime scene are documented on DOC 16-358 Crime Scene Security Log.
☐ ☐ No one will enter the crime scene without approval of a facility Investigator or law enforcement.
☐ ☐ Photographs and video should be taken of the area immediately. Ensure photo backers are placed on photographs.
☐ ☐ Ensure protective equipment (e.g., gloves and foot covers at a minimum) are used at all times.
☐ ☐ Collect all surveillance video that exists.
☐ ☐ All employees/contract staff that have information regarding the incident must submit an IMRS report before completing their shift.

Complete N/A  **Facility Investigator crime scene processing responsibilities:**
☐ ☐ Ensure processing strategy is followed. Every attempt should be made for one individual to collect all evidence.
☐ ☐ Start from outside of the crime scene and work inward.
☐ ☐ If weapons are still in the area, ensure they are collected and packaged prior to collection of any other evidence that is present.
☐ ☐ Items that may be considered as possible evidence should be collected and packaged separately using appropriate containers. Wet items should be dried in a secured area and packaged in paper bags. Weapons and needles should be stored in a sharps container/tube.
☐ ☐ Ensure a chain of evidence card is attached to each piece of evidence collected.
☐ ☐ If evidence is not maintained by law enforcement, it will be handled per DOC 420.375 Contraband and Evidence Handling, DOC 420.365 Evidence Management for Work Release, or DOC 420.395 Evidence/Property Procedures for Field, as applicable.
☐ ☐ A crime scene can only be released by the facility Investigator or law enforcement.

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