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Activity: Media

Police officers

Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- describe the role of police officers at a crime scene.

Using the link below, complete questions 1 to 24 that follow.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_5yU-xK-Lw

1. When does police involvement with a domestic burglary begin?
2. What should you do if the burglary is still going on and what will then happen?
3. What should you do if a burglary has taken place and what will then happen?
4. What do police record in a witness statement?
5. Why do the police get as much detail as possible?
6. What is the Victim Personal Statement?
7. What information is the victim given after the statement has been taken?
8. What do police do in the next stage of the investigation?
9. What evidence might the police look for? Give specific examples.
10. Who attends the scene to deal with forensic evidence?
11. What do crime scene investigators do, for example at a burglary?
12. List the types of evidence that crime scene investigators look for.
13. Why is it important not to disturb the scene of a burglary?
14. How are fingerprints used by the police?
15. Briefly outline what happens once a case is handed on to the burglary unit.
16. What tools are used by 'modern' policing to investigate burglary?
17. How are the public vital to helping the police to solve crimes?
18. How can the media help a police investigation?
19. What can the public do if they recognise a suspect?
20. Why do many burglaries result in no further police action?
21. What happens if new evidence comes to light in a case?
22. What do the police do if a suspect is identified?
23. What happens if a suspect has an alibi?
24. Where do the files go after all evidence is gathered and what action can they take?