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Evidence Packaging

Identify & Collect Key Evidence

Divide into two teams. Take turns acting as Investigator and Challenger.

Challenger

1. With the investigator out of the room, identify an object currently in the room that was used to strike / poison the victim.
2. Write down the item's description current location to authenticate the results at the end.

Investigator

1. Examine the scene and identify up to three items that could have been used to inflict the blunt force injuries / deliver the poison.
2. Collect and package each item according to the procedure.

Scoring

Award the investigator 1 point for each yes answer

1. Is the evidence properly documented?
 - Does the evidence description tell you what the item is?
 - Is the location of recovery accurately recorded?
 - Are the date and time of recovery recorded?
 - Is the collecting investigator identified on the packaging?
2. Is each item consistent with the poison or blunt object being sought?

Scene #1

The Crime Scene: Your kitchen

The Crime Under Investigation: Death by blunt force trauma

The coroner's investigator has theorized that the victim was beaten with a blunt object from the kitchen such as a heavy pan, bowl, or similar item.

Scene #2

The Crime Scene: Your bathroom

The Crime Under Investigation: Poisoning

The medical examiner determined the victim was poisoned by a substance applied to the skin from the victim's own bathroom such as shaving cream, lipstick, deodorant, lotion or other similar item.



3. Is the evidence preserved in the proper packaging?
4. Is the packaging properly sealed?
 - Is the flap of the bag or envelope sealed from end to end with no gaps?
 - Did the investigator sign the seal?

Award the investigator 2 points if yes. Subtract 2 points if no.

5. Did the investigator collect the item the weapon that the challenger chose?

Evidence Packaging Procedure

1. Put on sterile gloves.
2. Determine which packaging will best protect the evidence you want to collect.
3. Use the form on the packaging to record the description, location, date & time collected, and other information.
4. Carefully place the evidence in the packaging.
5. Seal the packaging. Don't forget to sign and date the seal.



Did you know?

Chain of Custody

- Is a chronological documentation of the handling of evidence throughout a criminal investigation
- Provides a list of all the people who have come into possession of an item of evidence
- Ensures the admissibility of evidence
- Is a clear record of evidence description and timeline of collection

Want to know more about evidence packaging?
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Choosing Evidence Packaging

When Collecting	Use
Visible hair, fibers, or soil	Small paper envelopes or sticky notes
Hard-to-see hair, fibers, or soil	Fingerprint tape, cellophane tape, or another clear adhesive
Dry stains	Sterile swab stored in a paper bag once dry
Wet stains	Sterile swab stored in a paper bag once dry
Food, fresh plant material, or other perishable items	Paper bag or porous container
Dry plant material	Plastic bag
Drugs or medication	Paper envelope or bindle, sealed in plastic to prevent leakage
Items too large to place in a bag	An adhesive or tie-on evidence tag

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