

CRIME SCENE Decontamination

About Crime Scene Decontamination

Crime scene cleaning is a highly specialised area that requires sensitivity as well as thorough training in the appropriate processes required. It can include dealing with the aftermath of deaths – suspicious or otherwise – and road traffic collisions, where fatalities or serious injuries may have occurred.

As an experienced provider of specialist crime scene cleaning, Nviro is accredited with the [National Academy of Crime Scene Cleaners](#).

Nviro's crime scene cleaning team may also be called in to police cells for a range of incidents, mainly involving bodily fluids. This usually results from arrests involving alcohol, blood from an injury or perhaps even a disgruntled detainee who staged a 'dirty protest'. This type of clean-up operation can also extend to service vehicles, for similar types of incidents.

What?

Sensitivity needs to be shown, especially when attending an incident in a domestic property, where cleaning operatives may come into contact with members of the family affected. It is important to be respectful and empathise with their shock and grief.

Before attending any incident, it is essential to ensure that the team has all the necessary equipment required for the job. Areas may be biologically contaminated which means that Nviro's cleaning operatives need to wear suitable personal protective equipment (PPE), which includes a full body non-porous protective suit.

The team is made fully aware that they may come into contact with blood borne pathogens which can potentially carry dangerous viruses or diseases.

Health and safety is crucial when cleaning any crime scene and it is essential that workers are adequately protected from both the mental and physical impact of the role. Our team leaders are aware that the members of staff may be emotionally affected by the incident, and offer counselling to cleaning teams when needed.

Who?

Nviro works with Hampshire Police to offer this specialist 24-hour emergency response service.

A crime scene can include domestic properties, police cells, or police vehicles.

Nviro supports not only the Police Officers but also family members that may be at the property where the crime scene took place.



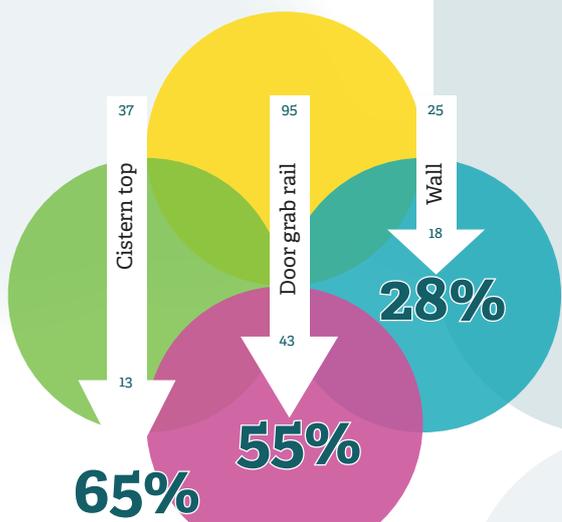
How?

A team will only be called to a scene once the body has been removed and so they will largely be dealing with a clean-up operation of bodily fluids, insects, or larvae. This brings its own challenges, as bodily fluids can soak into porous materials, making it important that these do not seep back onto the floor or carpets whilst cleaning. One option is to remove the soaked material and make good, as far as possible, so depending on the situation, cutting out the carpet and floor boards is not an unusual occurrence.

A key issue for call-outs involving bodily decomposition is odour, which needs to be fully eradicated. Specialist equipment may be required, such as an ozone machine to remove odours, high-grade disinfectants, industrial strength deodorisers, and carpentry tools for removing carpets and floorboards. Waste removal using specialist bags is also necessary as is an appropriate mode of transport for transporting waste.



ATP Results



Sanitation levels are monitored by carrying out checks for the presence of micro-organisms and other bacteria by swabbing surfaces with an adenosine triphosphate (ATP) device. It works by mixing the swab in an enzyme solution which causes the micro-organisms to give off bioluminescence, which is then measured by the ATP device. The more light there is, the more bacteria are present.

Why?

Compassion and Understanding

Sending a team into a highly emotional situation can be very distressing, and whilst it is our job to remove all trace of what has happened, an element of human understanding, respect, and compassion is needed.

	Date	Time	Location	Surface	RLU*
Before	18/06/2015	17:24	Toilet	Cistern top	37
Before	18/06/2015	17:25	Toilet	Wall	25
Before	18/06/2015	17:26	Toilet	Toilet base	0
Before	18/06/2015	17:28	Toilet	Door grab rail	95
After	18/06/2015	17:50	Toilet	Cistern top	13
After	18/06/2015	17:51	Toilet	Wall	18
After	18/06/2015	17:52	Toilet	Door grab rail	43

*RLU = Relative Light Units, measuring the presence of ATP detected by a luminometer

Nviro recommends having areas regularly decontaminated by fogging (at least twice a year) to achieve a good level of protection.

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