

Scenes of crime officer (SOCO) Crime scene investigator (CSI)



Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- preserving and protecting crime scenes
- finding out what evidence is needed
- recording the scene using photography and video
- developing, recording, and capturing fingerprint evidence
- finding, recording, and recovering evidence

SOCOs work with the police to collect and record evidence from where a crime took place.

Working hours

- shifts and be part of an on-call rota.
- out on investigations
- police station writing up reports
- processing recovered evidence, and preparing statements.
- can be physically demanding –
 - working at height
 - in confined spaces



Role of SOCO



Skills required

- Problem solving
- Use of scientific equipment to record data
- Computer skills
- Analytical skills
- Attention to detail
- Writing skills
- Legal knowledge

Entry requirements

- study a degree, in forensic science, biological sciences, chemistry, or photography
- at least six months' experience in police work or a related field, like intelligence gathering and analysis
- a driving licence
- qualification in photography or video could be helpful

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Starter level. 12,610 students taking the course.

Suitable for: Y13, Y12, Y11

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Scenes of crime officer (SOCO)

Labour Market Information (LMI)

Median averages relating to the Scenes of crime officer profession.

● UK USA

Jobs

Protective service officials (non-senior)

352,522

📍 2,194 in your local area of Croydon

Top 5 local areas

1	Kent	14,690
2	Hampshire	13,219
3	Essex	12,342
4	Surrey	8,908
5	Wiltshire	8,282

Salaries

Other protective service professionals

£44,007

📍 £44,805 in your region of London

Top 5 regions

1	London	£44,805
2	West Midlands	£44,797
3	Scotland	£43,630
4	Yorkshire and the Humber	£41,712
5	North West	£41,286

Hours/week

Other protective service professionals

37.1

📍 36 in your region of London

Growth

2020-2035

Protective service officials (non-senior)

-9.1% ↓ 36,040 jobs

📍 -11.1% in your region of London, an decrease of 8,420 jobs

