

Protecting and Preserving Evidence

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It is critically important to preserve evidence at the scene of, or associated with, any illegal action committed within the RI Training School (RITS). Staff systematically adhere to guidelines for the protection, acquisition and preservation of evidence.

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Related Policy

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Procedure from Policy 1200.0835: Protecting and Preserving Evidence

- A. When evidence must be preserved, staff notify the Master Control Center (MCC).
 - 1. Staff seal off the scene, moving residents out of the area.
 - 2. Staff make a list of staff, residents or other persons in the area prior to the incident.
 - 3. Supervisory staff assign staff to guard the area to ensure that the evidence and the area are left untouched until the investigation is completed.
- B. Staff having information regarding the incident complete an Unusual Incident Report in conformance with DCYF Policy 1200.0827, Unusual Incident Report.
- C. The Superintendent or designee notifies the RI State Police when a crime has been committed within the facility.
- D. Paragraphs A - C are consistent with American Correctional Association Standards 3-JDF-3C-09 and 3-JTS-3C-09.