

CRIME SCENE CLEAN-UP

The NSW Police Force, Forensic Evidence & Technical Services Command utilises specialist police officers or other civilian crime scene examiners to attend crime scenes.

At crime scenes where fingerprint examinations are undertaken there will often be fingerprint powder residue left at the scene. The NSW Police Force is not responsible for the cleaning of this residue but can provide information as to how the residue can be cleaned and removed. The crime scene examiner can provide you with this information on how to remove fingerprint powder.

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The use of chemical enhancement techniques to locate or enhance trace biological evidence at crime scenes is also common. Cleaning of the residues left by these chemicals at crime scenes is the responsibility of the NSW Police Force, Crime Scene Service Branch (CSSB). Cleaning requires specialist techniques usually sourced from private contractors, who are required to stringently adhere to Work, Health & Safety guidelines.

It is the responsibility of the user/owner/relatives/ occupiers of the premises and/or vehicles to clean up biologically contaminated crime scenes such as suicides, deceased persons, shootings and decomposed bodies where no chemical enhancement techniques have been used by NSW Police Force officers.

Where any doubt exists about who is responsible for cleaning a crime scene ask the officer in charge of the investigation to contact the CSSB Referral Officer.

The *Victims Rights and Support Act 2013* governs the circumstances under which financial assistance may be available to aid with crime scene clean-up.

For more information please visit Victims Services website: <https://www.victimsservices.justice.nsw.gov.au/>

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