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important factor in any legal case

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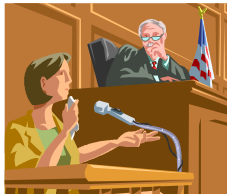
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The witnesses?



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The crime scene?



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The crime scene Examiner?



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The Police?



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The answer is the EVIDENCE

- Without evidence you do not have any case at all.
- It does not matter whether that is a civil or a criminal case

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All evidence must be correctly retrieved, according to laid down procedures

- Follow PACE
- Human Rights Act
- Bagged & tagged
- Stored correctly
- Recorded
- Produced in court

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How do you gain legal authority to collect evidence?

- Usually from your employment




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You need to be authorised by the authority for whom you work

- This can be the police
- or a local authority
- Or a government/quasi Govt. agency

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Many organisations issue a warrant card with photograph

The officer pictured is authorised to enforce all the provisions of the Toy Safety Regulations




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All evidence that is recovered must be accounted for at every stage

"I know I left I somewhere"




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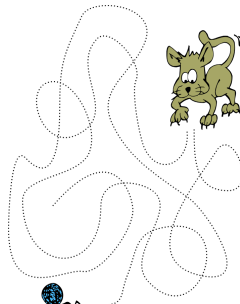
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Tangible evidence e.g gun, fibres, must be traceable

- evidence taken from a scene must be labelled and stored correctly. It is necessary to demonstrate to the court that it is the same piece of evidence




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## Police & Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (P.A.C.E.)

The PACE is an Act of Parliament which instituted a legislative framework for the powers of the police, and other enforcement bodies, to combat crime as well as providing codes of practice for the exercise of those powers.

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## Aim of PACE

To establish a balance between the powers of the police/law enforcers and the rights of the members of the public




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## Failure to conform

Failure to conform to the Act can constitute a criminal offence

Failure to conform to the codes of practice can render any evidence inadmissible

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## PACE Code A

- Powers of police to search a person or vehicle without making an arrest




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## PACE Code B

- Powers to search premises and to seize and retain property found on premises or persons




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## PACE Code C

Sets out requirements for detention, treatment & questioning of suspects



The old good-cop, painfully shy-cop routine.

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## PACE Code D

Concerns the main methods used to identify people and to keep reliable and accurate records




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## PACE Code E

Tape recording of interviews with suspects




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## PACE Code F

Deals with visual recording with sound of interviews with suspects




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## Summary

- Follow all the rules
- Collection of evidence
- Human Rights
- PACE
- Recording evidence
- Interviewing
- Continuation

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Result:  
A successful case



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