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This document standardizes the use and meaning of terms associated with the forensic sciences. The terms defined in this document are drawn from standard terms used in the forensic science processes, as contained in the ISO 21043 series. Discipline-specific standards include their own specific terms and definitions.

This document is part of a series of five that includes the different components of the forensic process from scene to courtroom (as illustrated in [Figure A.1](#)). Other parts of the ISO 21043 series are:

- ISO 21043-2;
- ISO 21043-3;
- ISO 21043-4;
- ISO 21043-5.

This document is organized alphabetically and follows natural (English) word order wherever possible.

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Part 1: Vocabulary

1 Scope

This document defines terms used for the different components of the forensic process from scene to courtroom (as illustrated in [Figure A.1](#)).

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

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