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**Murder / Suicide / Death Investigation Checklist:**  
**First 24 hours**

**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Immediate tasks:*

- Take control of scene
- Check victim
- Notify squad
- "Sweep search" for possible suspects and other possible victims
- Determine if a search warrant is needed*
- Do not touch anything
- Check for signs of forced entry
- Setup perimeter / crime scene tape

*Tasks to be performed as soon as possible:*

- Separate known witnesses
- Get ID and contact info on known witnesses
- Notify coroner
- Notify Chief of Police, detectives, crime scene technicians, if applicable
- Determine manpower issues
- Ingress/egress log officer
- License plate canvass; write down all tag #'s with description
- Locate additional witnesses / door to door canvass
- Photograph witnesses if possible
- Photograph spectators and crowd

