

Forensic Checklist for Investigating Officer

6.0.0 EXPLOSIVES

6.1.0 CHECK- LIST OF EXPLOSIVES FOR THE I/O'S

6.1.1 DO'S AND DON'TS AT THE SCENE OF CRIME

1. Cordon off the area and avoid unnecessary entry and mishandling of material.
2. Keep eye and ear open. Take a round of the scene. Assess the damage which will give an idea of the explosive. Take photographs.
3. Look for flying debris, measure the distance and add another 50% of the distance for thorough searching.
4. Locate the seat of explosions.
5. Take the help of person who is familiar with the site.
6. Note anything foreign to the surroundings.
7. Look for stains/smoke on the seat of explosion.
8. Take help of Bomb Disposal Squad(BDS) personnel for any live explosives that may be present.
9. Do not touch a Bomb unless you are duty – bound to do so.
10. If a transistor Radio is suspected to be an IED, then do not switch on the radio set.
11. The vicinity of the explosion site should be carefully checked for other unexploded IED.
12. If unexploded IED is found with electrical wire coming out then do not cut the wire.
13. If an unexploded IED is found, it should be surrounded by sand bags with bomb blanket covering the top.
14. If the explosion site is suspected to be grenade explosion than look for safety lever, safety pin, spring and small parts of splinters.
15. Materials picked up are to be kept in polythene bags/ nylon bags and handed over to police for Laboratory examination.
16. Dry swab, acetone swab and water swab are to be collected from the site. If an open soft ground, take stain soft earth from the seat. For any crater formed on the ground collect the soil from the top layer of the earth. Take measurement of any crater formation.

6.2.0 THE CHECKLIST.

Sl No (1)	Types of Physical evidence (2)	Place of Collection (3)	Identificati on marks (4)	Amount desired (5)	Packing & Forwarding (6)	Remarks (7)
1	Suspected Explosives	Recovered from person, unclaimed bag or place.	Label or Tag on outside the container	Max.100g.	Should be packed in polythene bags.	Careful handling is required.
2	Commercial explosive e.g. Gelatin sticks.	Recovered from person, unclaimed bag, place or removed from IED	Label or Tag outside the pocket	2 or 3 sticks maximum	Should be packed in polythene bags	
3	Detonators	Recovered from person, unclaimed bag, place or removed from IED and hand Grenade	Label or Tag on outside the container	2 or 3 Numbers	Should be wrapped with soft cloth or cotton separately.	Very careful handling is required and keep away from heat