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### 4.8.1 Initial Collection and Storage

Analyst(s) assigned to evidence collection at a crime scene shall inventory and number all items with an "L" prefix followed by a combination of letters and/or numbers (e.g. L-1, L-2, L-3, LS-1, LV-4) in their case notes.

The following are strongly recommended "L number" formats for item identifiers:

- L - (L-1, L-2, L-3, etc.) - general scene/lab item numbers
- LV - (LV-1, LV-2, LV-3, etc.) - for evidence collected from a vehicle
- LS - (LS-1, LS-2, LS-3, etc.) - for evidence collected from a scene
- LA - (LA-1, LA-2, LA-3, etc.) - for evidence collected from an autopsy

Evidence collected from a crime scene shall be protected from loss, cross transfer, contamination and/or deleterious change, whether in a sealed or unsealed container, during transportation to the laboratory.

### 4.8.2 Securing Evidence

If it's not possible for the evidence from a crime scene to be immediately transferred to the applicable unit for analysis, it shall be placed in a secured "crime scene storage" area designated as such at the laboratory. As soon as practical, the crime scene team leader should ensure all evidence collected at the crime scene is transferred within the LCMS to the appropriate units for analysis.

*See 4.1 Evidence Submission*