

Conducting Reenactments in Child Death Investigations

Who should attend: Law enforcement officers and coroners or their designees who have completed “Child Death Investigations: The Basics” training offered by the Children’s Law Center

Overview: This is a 1-day, in-person training that focuses on conducting reenactments with caregivers in child death investigations and incorporates hands-on practice in a mock crime scene apartment. This training begins with a review of the fundamentals of reenactments. Additional topics will include identifying the placer and finder; adapting reenactment techniques to a variety of scenarios; and identifying documentation techniques and challenges. Participants will each be assigned a scenario involving an unexpected child death. Using a demonstration doll, participants will walk through the reenactment process with an actor, or actors, portraying the child’s caregiver(s). Simulation trainings aim to mimic the conditions and content of the tasks that an investigator will confront in real life situations and allows individuals to practice their skills and receive feedback without real-world consequences. Participants will receive a demonstration doll to take back with them to their office to use in future investigations.

Location: Children’s Law Center’s Training Center, 1114 Pickens St. Columbia, SC 29208

Dates:

February 15, 2024

April 23, 2024

June 18, 2024

Course Times: 8:45 am – 5:00 pm

Fee: There is no charge for this training.

Continuing Education Credits: The SC Criminal Justice Academy has approved this training for 7.33 continuing education hours. The American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators has approved this training for 6.5 continuing education hours.

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To register: Go to the Children’s Law Center registration system at <https://sc.edu/clc/public/index.php>.