

## Solving crimes with DNA evidence: Fact and fiction

Crime dramas are an entertainment staple across the world. But as DNA becomes a more powerful tool for identifying the guilty,...it is essential, argues UK charity [Sense About Science](#), that public and professional expectations of the technology are based in reality and not TV crime fiction.

Which is why the organisation has published a new guide called [Making Sense of Forensic Genetics](#), which challenges unrealistic perceptions of DNA evidence, and explains where the big differences between reality and fiction lie.

For example, your DNA is found at a crime scene. How did it get there? In *CSI* or *Law and Order*, that would immediately imply guilt. But in reality, we all shed DNA into our environments all the time.

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Data privacy is just as critical a topic for forensics as it is for health databases...According to *Making Sense of Forensic Genetics*: "Some people have argued that if everyone in a country were held on a national DNA database, far more crimes would be solved, but many are opposed to this idea on the grounds of personal privacy and human dignity."

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