

# Problem solving violent crime: a guide for analysts

A problem-solving and analytical approach to serious violence.

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## Aims

This guide is about problem solving and the analysis of serious violence. It aims to:

- describe a range of practical tools and techniques that you can use to help better understand and respond to problems of violence
- cover concepts and theories which have proven useful when applying a problem solving approach to violence reduction.

This guide is written primarily for analysts but should be relevant to anyone with an interest in, or responsibilities for reducing violent crime.

## How this guide is organised

This guide covers topics relevant to problem solving violent crime. It is divided into five sections corresponding to the **SARA problem solving model**. These sections are:

- data for problem solving analysis
- analysis to identify and prioritise problems
- analysis to determine patterns
- analysis to evaluate impact
- presenting analysis effectively

Each section is made up of units. Each unit covers three areas:

- the learning objectives of the unit
- a description of why the unit is important when problem solving
- a demonstration, drawing on research and practice, of how the information reported in that unit might assist you in problem solving violence

Each unit ends with signposts to recommended resources and readings.

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## Tags

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