

# Homicide problem-solving guide - Guidance overview

A problem-solving approach to homicide prevention.

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A [problem-solving approach](#) to homicide uses the intelligence, skills and networks of policing and its partners to understand and respond to persistent, common crime problems.

## Using the homicide problem-solving guide

This homicide problem-solving guide consists of four stages that should be undertaken in sequence (scanning, analysis, response, and assessment). It's advisable to move backwards and forwards within the process as new information comes to light and new ideas emerge.

You should use this guide alongside the [homicide and near-miss problem profile](#). The problem profile template is for completion by force analysts. It can help you to understand your local problems and inform your response.

We've also provided examples of good practice, guidance, resources, and academic research outlining what works throughout the [homicide prevention framework](#).

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