MISSION
Our mission is to provide high-quality forensic examinations and scientific research to support justice and ensure justice in society. We strive to ensure independence, objectivity and professionalism in all aspects of our work, using advanced technology and scientific methods to ensure the accuracy and reliability of our expert opinions.

VISION
Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise is a multidisciplinary, scientific research expert institution, leading in the system of state forensic expert institutions of Ukraine;

Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise effectively implements innovative technologies and international standards in forensic expert activity;

Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise is an internationally recognized scientific and research expert institution for the implementation of the state policy of forensic and expert provision of justice;

Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise develops national standards in the field of forensic expert activity.

VALUES
Professionalism;
Impartiality;
Independence;
Innovations;
Responsibility.

The Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine is one of the oldest state expert institutions in Ukraine. The Institute was founded on July 4, 1913, as the Office of Scientific Forensic Examination under the Prosecutor of the Kyiv Judicial Chamber.

Today, the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise is a leading institution in the field of forensic examinations, which employs well-known scientists and professionals, highly qualified experts who conduct forensic examinations and expert research. The Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise plays an important role in ensuring the quality of justice and the objectivity of court decisions, actively engages in forensic examinations and conducts scientific research aimed at creating a reliable evidence base to ensure justice and trust in the judicial system of Ukraine.

Since its establishment, the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise has provided scientific and methodological support to courts of all levels, all law enforcement agencies and other state institutions of Ukraine, as well as individuals and legal entities, performing a wide range of forensic examinations at a high scientific level.

The Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise employs 41 employees with scientific degrees. 7 of them have the scientific degree of Doctor of Science, and 34 Candidates of Science (Doctor of Philosophy). Our team is represented by outstanding scientists and experts who have relevant scientific titles, such as professors, associate professors, and senior researchers. Among our employees are scientists and forensic experts of the highest qualification.
Over the years of its existence, the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise specialists have performed more than 2.3 million examinations, including about 1.1 million during the years of independence of Ukraine, published more than 4,000 scientific works, and carried out more than 700 research developments, including about 500 during the years of Ukraine's independence.

A significant percentage of examinations assigned to the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise are complex and multi-object examinations in high-profile criminal proceedings, etc. The Institute conducts examinations in 96 expert specialties.

Examinations on the study of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, their analogues and precursors are especially popular; computer-technical and handwriting examinations, forensic-chemical examinations of documents, copyright, psychological, construction-technical, ecological, land-technical, road-technical, railway-transport examinations, as well as occupational health and safety examination, and since the beginning of the war in Russia against Ukraine, the most necessary are military, explosive, commodity, economic, environmental examination, artillery weapons research, etc.

Accreditation of forensic laboratories for compliance with international standards of activity is actively being carried out.

The Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise conducts its activities in accordance with the Certificate of Accreditation in accordance with the requirements of DSTU ISO/IEC 17025:2017 in the field of research on narcotic drugs of plant origin; study of mixtures of asphalt concrete and road asphalt concrete; research and testing of firearms and cartridges for them and products structurally similar to them; conducting research on tools, instruments and their traces; research of shoes and their traces; research and testing of cold weapons and structurally similar products; technical examination of documents; research and testing of explosive devices (including pyrotechnic products) and structurally similar products, as well as traces of their use; computer and technical research on the search for existing and deleted information; study of the technical condition of vehicles.

The Certificate of Accreditation was also received in accordance with the requirements of DSTU EN ISO/IEC 17020:2019 in the field of inspection of forensic examinations of intellectual property, military property, life safety and occupational health and safety; handwriting, linguistic, psychological, military, commodity, transport and commodity, art, construction and technical, economic expertise.

The results of scientific research correspond to the world level, which is evidenced by many security documents and patents.

The Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise has an international reputation, employees of the institute take an active part in Ukrainian and international symposia, conferences, seminars, and experience exchange programs. Experts are participants in commission examinations together with colleagues from other Ukrainian and foreign expert institutions.

In addition, the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise is a member of the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI).

One of the primary areas of focus for the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise involves conducting research to enhance the effectiveness of scientific investigations in the field of forensic examination. This includes the development of both theoretical and practical aspects of forensic examination, as well as the refinement of methods and techniques, all while incorporating the latest advancements in science and technology.

The Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise has a certificate on the subject of valuation activities, in particular, the valuation of objects in material form, valuation of integral property complexes, shares, securities, property rights and intangible assets, including intellectual property objects, valuation of real estate, valuation of machinery and equipment, assessment of wheeled vehicles, assessment of aircraft, assessment of shipping facilities, assessment of movable objects.
EXAMPLES OF EXAMINATIONS ON RESONANT CASES

Forensic examination of the plane crash of UIA Boeing-737 flight PS752, Tehran, 2020.


Forensic examination of the events near Illovaisk and Debaltseve, 2014.

Forensic examination of the AN-26 plane crash near Chuhuiv in the Kharkiv region, 2020.


Forensic examination in the criminal proceedings of the serviceman of the National Guard of Ukraine, Vitalii Markiv, 2020.

Forensic examination of the Boeing 777 passenger plane flight MH-17, Donetsk region, 2014.
STRUCTURAL SUBDIVISIONS

Forensic Science Laboratory

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MAIN AREAS OF ACTIVITY:

- Forensic handwriting examination;
- Linguistic analysis of oral speech;
- Authorship-related examination of written speech;
- Questioned document examination;
- Forensic examination of weapons and traces of their use;
- Fingerprint examination;
- Examination of human footprints and shoes;
- Examination of traces of breakage, tools, and mass-produced products;
- Examination of locking, safety (control) devices (means);
- Examination of the whole by parts;
- Examination of knots and loops;
- Examination of relief signs;
- Examination of mechanical damage to clothing;
- Examination of layers of clothes (shoes);
- Examination of traces of vehicles;
- Photo technical examination;
- Facial (portrait) examination;
- Examination of video and sound recording;
- Examination of materials, substances and products;
- Biological examinations;
- Examination of computer equipment and software products;
- Examination of telecommunication systems and facilities.
Forensic Engineering Laboratory

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MAIN AREAS OF ACTIVITY:

- Examinations on life safety;
- Land and technical examination;
- Fire-technical examination;
- Appraisal and construction examination;
- Electrical examination;
- Land management examination;
- Engineering and mechanical examination.
Forensic Engineering and Environmental Laboratory

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MAIN AREAS OF ACTIVITY:
- Examination of the circumstances and organizational and technical reasons and the consequences of the influence of man-made sources on environmental objects.

Forensic Psychology Laboratory

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MAIN AREAS OF ACTIVITY:
- Forensic psychological examination of the establishment of individual psychological personality traits;
- Forensic psychological examination to establish the presence/absence of moral suffering; estimated amount of non-pecuniary damage;
- Forensic psychological examination of establishing the state of physiological affect, stress and frustration of the situation under study);
- Forensic psychological examination using a polygraph;
- Forensic psychological examination of the study of minors in the course of consideration of cases in civil proceedings;
- Forensic psychological examination of the communicative activity of a person recorded in video and sound recordings;
- Forensic psychological examination of the communicative interaction between persons, recorded in the materials of the video recording from the external video surveillance camera;
- Forensic psychological examination of the process of communication of a person in a situation of a procedural action;
- Forensic psychological examination in cases of crimes related to malicious failure to fulfill the duties of caring for a child;
- Forensic psychological examination of the child's acceptance of the family situation;
- Forensic psychological examination of crimes against sexual integrity.
Military Research Laboratory

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MAIN AREAS OF ACTIVITY:

- Military examinations;
- Examination of weapons and traces and circumstances of their use (for artillery and rocket weapons);
- Explosive examination.
Forensic Engineering, Transportation, Commodity Research Laboratory

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MAIN AREAS OF ACTIVITY:

- Commodity examination;
- Transport and merchandising examination;
- Commodity examination of military property;
- Artistic examination;
- Aviation technical examination;
- Automotive examination;
- Transport and trace evidence examination;
- Examination of literary and artistic works;
- Examination of phonograms, videograms, programs (transmissions), and broadcasting organizations;
- Examination of Inventions and utility models;
- Examination of commercial samples;
- Examination of commercial (company) names, trademarks (signs for goods and services), and geographical names;
- Examination of commercial secrets (know-how) and rationalization proposals;
- Economic examination in the field of intellectual property.
Economic Research Laboratory

MAIN AREAS OF ACTIVITY:
- Examination of accounting documents;
- Examination of documents on the economic activities of enterprises and organizations;
- Examination of documents of financial and credit transactions.

Laboratory for Organization and Information and Analytical Support of Expert Activities

MAIN AREAS OF ACTIVITY:
- Information and analytical support for forensic activities of the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise;
- Ensures the preparation of work plans for the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise, and prepares information on their implementation;
- Provides preparation of materials for informing the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine about the status of expert activities in the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise;
- Ensures the preparation and implementation of organizational measures on the issues of forensic activities;
- Coordinates the activities of laboratories and departments of the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise;
- Carries out scheduled and unscheduled inspections of the work of structural divisions of the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise to ensure that they comply with the established procedure and methodology for conducting forensic examinations and expert research;
- Ensures the organization of the participation of employees in the meetings of the Central Expert Qualification Commission of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine;
- Ensures the organization of work on the training (education, internship) at the Institute of specialists who are not employees of state specialized institutions;
- Ensures the functioning of the ASKOD EDMS (electronic document management system), coordinates the development and revision of the electronic document management system, reviews the proposed changes in the electronic document management system;
- Monitors compliance with the deadlines for the implementation of instructions and consideration of documents.
Laboratory for the Organization of Scientific, Methodological Activities, Regulatory Support and International Cooperation

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MAIN AREAS OF ACTIVITY:

- Studying and summarizing the achievements of the theory and practice of forensic science and criminalistics in Ukraine and abroad;
- Monitoring, analysis and generalization of expert practice;
- Development of educational and practical manuals, monographs, and methodological recommendations on topical issues of forensic science activities;
- Organization and introduction into expert practice of the results of scientific research;
- Reviewing of scientific and scientific-methodical publications, and results of research works;
- Preparation of thematic catalogues of publications and research papers on forensic examination and criminalistics;
- Participation in the development of state standards of Ukraine in the field of forensic examination, expert activities and forensic science;
- Implementation of regulatory and legal support of the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise;
- Preparation of materials for meetings of the Scientific Advisory and Methodological Council on Forensic Expertise under the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, as well as round tables, and conferences;
- Systematization and provision of registration of scientific research;
- Editorial and publishing support for the preparation of the interdepartmental scientific and methodological collection "Criminalistics and Forensics" and other materials;
- Implementation of national and international cooperation in the field of forensic science and criminalistics.
INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY

Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine is actively engaged in international activities in order to establish cooperation with leading international organizations, programs and projects of international technical assistance. This allows the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise to use the best world experience in its activities and improve the quality of forensic examination in Ukraine.

Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise has close ties with international scientific institutions, educational institutions, and governmental and non-governmental organizations, holding joint conferences, symposiums, seminars and exchanging specialists within the framework of international projects and programs and beyond the relevant programs.

In 2017, the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise became a member of the prestigious European Network of Forensic Institutions (ENFSI). This recognition testifies to the high professional quality and reputation of the institute at the international level. Thanks to constant contact with experts from different countries, which takes place within the framework of ENFSI working groups, Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise has the opportunity to receive up-to-date information on new achievements in the field of forensic science. This exchange of experience with colleagues from European countries contributes to the improvement of Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise work practices and the introduction of advanced methods and technologies.

Since 2019, the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise has become the first institution among the research institutions of forensic examinations of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine to participate in the exchange program of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL - European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training). This participation confirms the high professional qualifications of the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise experts and their ability to cooperate at the international level.

The priority direction of international activities of the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise is the involvement of the TAIEX (Technical Assistance Information Exchange) tool. This tool allows the exchange of experience and knowledge with leading international organizations and experts in the field of forensic science, contributing to the further development and improvement of the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise.

Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise experts are actively involved in the EU-ACT (EU Action Against Drugs and Organized Crime) project "EU-ACT: Actions Against Drug Abuse and Organized Crime", intensive cooperation and capacity-building for combating organized crime in drug trafficking along the "heroin route".

Starting in 2020, experts from the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise have become active participants in the International Quality Assurance Program (IQAP) and International Collaborative Exercises (ICE) organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). This determines the high expert quality and reliability of the work of the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise, which meets international standards.

Since 2018, the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise also has had the honourable opportunity to be a representative at the conference of the European Academy of Forensic Sciences (EAFS).
The international authority of the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise is secured by a long-term partnership with more than 50 countries of the world. In addition to the above programs, the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise employees constantly exchange experience with specialists from around the world, including through working meetings. In particular, business meetings with the head of the ICTAP mission of the US Department of Justice, the head of the International Affairs Committee (IAC) of the American Academy of Forensic Science (AAFS), representatives of the FBI, the UN representative in Ukraine on human rights and the rule of law, cooperation with the Dutch mission of experts of the International the Criminal Court in The Hague (Netherlands), the Minister of Defence of Luxembourg, the Deputy Attorney General of the United States, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, etc.

Scientific and research activities, along with expert ones, developed at the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine from the beginning of its functioning in 1913 as the Office of Scientific Forensic Examination under the Prosecutor of the Kyiv Judicial Chamber. Strengthening its potential, the Institute is now developing all areas of innovative forensic activities, carrying out fundamental, applied and express research with a priority in the field of law and expert specialities, the results of which are actively implemented in lawmaking, law enforcement and expert activities, scientific support of rule-making processes by the expert support centre justice.

Employees of the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise annually publish scientific papers in publications indexed in the international scientific databases Scopus and Web of Science.

Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise has an electronic repository, which is filled with new publications and now has more than 8 thousand materials, which contributes to the popularization of the work of the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise scientists on the Internet.

The organization and holding of international scientific and scientific-practical conferences, seminars, round tables, and working meetings are of great importance for the implementation of scientific research by the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise.

Starting from 2019, the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise has been holding the annual international conference "Current Issues of Forensic Expertology, Criminalistics and Criminal Procedure". More than 25 countries of the world are permanent participants of this event, including representatives of the USA, Germany, Spain, Brazil, Switzerland, Finland, Poland, Czech Republic, Greece, Turkey, Great Britain, Israel and others. Thanks to this conference, not only the exchange of best practices in the field of forensic science, criminology, law and litigation is carried out, but also strong working relationships are established, cooperation is established, and the relationship between the participating countries is strengthened.
According to Art. 3 of the Law of Ukraine “On Forensic Expertise” regularly, once a year, an interdepartmental scientific and methodological collection “Criminalistics and Forensics” is published. The publication is included in the List of scientific publications of Ukraine category B on legal sciences, specialty 081 “Law”, is printed in mixed languages: Ukrainian, and English and is distributed on the territory of the state and abroad. The publication is registered on the platform “Scientific Periodicals of Ukraine” and in the international scientific databases “Index Copernicus”, “Ulrich's Periodicals”, “ERICH PLUS”, “Google Scholar”, and has been assigned an international standard DOI identifier (digital object identifier).

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Over the entire period of existence of this publication, more than four thousand scientific articles have been published.

Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise has completed more than 700 research developments, including methods, scientific and methodological recommendations, etc.

Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise has launched the publication of the textbook “Forensic Examinations in the Procedural Law of Ukraine”, designed to provide an accessible and complete disclosure of the content, tasks, issues to be resolved, methods used and the necessary materials for conducting certain types of forensic examinations. The fourth edition is already out. The publication is intended for a wide range of potentially designated readers or is subject to the appointment of forensic examinations, is in great demand and is one of the most recent and relevant publications on the territory of Ukraine over the past 30 years.

Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise employees have registered more than 10 patents and copyright certificates.

Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise has a reference and information fund with more than 50 thousand books, periodicals, dissertations, manuals, and methodological recommendations for research work on forensic science, forensic examination and criminal procedure. The Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise has an Academic Council.

The research work of the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise is aimed at improving the level of forensic examinations, mastering new equipment, creating a methodological basis for new types of forensic examinations, and generalizing empirical material and rule-making activities. Along with research, scientific and methodological work is carried out, aimed at the exchange of best practices with colleagues from Ukraine and from abroad.

DURING THE WAR

Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine is one of the main expert institutions, whose experts have been conducting expert examinations on Russian war crimes since February 2014. Over 30,000 completed military examinations since the start of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

The whole world is amazed at how courageously and resolutely the Ukrainians resist the aggressor, this also applies to the employees of our Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise, who courageously defend Ukraine on the front line, who go to the crime scenes of the "Russian world" as a second echelon to record crimes and conduct examinations, carrying out work on the international world arena to help the country and experts doing their job under rockets and shelling.
The Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine did not stop its work and continued its activities and development even in the conditions of war. Fruitful work and high professionalism, dedication to the work of the Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Forensic Expertise team are always a guarantee establishing justice in Ukraine, protecting the rights and freedoms of citizens in order to build a legal state in Ukraine.

- Forensic examination of the An-225 Mriya aircraft destroyed by the Russian Federation.
- Forensic examination of the remnants of the Kinzhal missile (Kh-47M2).
- Investigation of damaged real estate objects.
- Overview of the place of attacks by Shaheds.
- Forensic examination of damaged vehicles, equipment and property in all regions of Ukraine.
- Forensic examination of “Shahed”.

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