



How Cleaning Helps Families Move On With Their Lives

Cleaning can be nasty, but rarely do you hear it called gruesome—unless you are in the crime scene cleaning business. Jeff Darr, owner of Crime Scene Services, Inc., Charlotte, NC, admits it can be grisly, but if you have the stomach for it and the right equipment, this business can also be profitable.

Crime scene cleaning involves cleaning-up after a homicide, suicide, or accident. Blood on walls and floors must be removed, bloodstained



carpeting ripped out, and any soiled furniture must be disposed of. Occasionally, this cleaning includes dealing with a decomposed body or removing any loose remains.

Darr says that cleaning walls, floors, and other surfaces affected from the incident by hand is slow, labor intensive, and even dangerous. “Disease can be transmitted, even when wearing protective clothing, and this is magnified with

surfaces [that] must be cleaned with rags and sprayers,” says Darr. “The goal is to minimize the *actual* ‘touching’ of surfaces.”

To avoid touching the harmful surfaces, Darr uses a Kaivac No-Touch Cleaning™ system because it is fast, thorough—and safe. With the no-touch system, the affected surfaces are sprayed with disinfectants and cleaning chemicals. Some areas are scrubbed with the deck brush (included with Kaivac’s machine) to further loosen and remove contaminants. After recommended dwell time, the surfaces are rinsed and all liquid is removed using the machine’s built-in vacuum system.

“I know the no-touch system is famous for cleaning schools and other facilities,” says Darr, “but it is also perfect for crime scene cleaning. The Kaivac system cuts our time in half and because part of our job is helping the families get on with their lives. The faster the scene is cleaned-up, the sooner they can move on.”

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