

Video: The scent of death

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Credit: The American Chemical Society

Some scientists have an important, if morbid, job: They study the smell of decomposing human bodies.

By understanding the [chemical makeup](#) of human cadaver smell, as opposed to the smell of other decomposing animals, forensic scientists could improve the training of [cadaver dogs](#) and corpse recovery efforts.

Find out more about this macabre but meaningful work in the latest Speaking of Chemistry video:

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