**Title:** A look at forensic dentistry  
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**Abstract:** Objectives: Dentistry fulfills one of its most important social, moral, and professional obligations by applying its unique knowledge and expertise to the task of identifying countless persons who are tragic victims of fires, catastrophes, disasters, and homicides. The purpose of this review is to describe the techniques employed by forensic dentists to identify human remains and also to provide details of some of the novel developments within this area.  

Results: For many forensic dentists the identification of found human remains will comprise the majority of their case work. However, there is rarely a typical dental identification. The resilience of teeth and their supporting tissues to peri- and post-mortem assaults provides a wealth of information for those interested in the identity of the deceased. Chemical attack, burning, burial, submersion, and even severe head and neck trauma are all withstood by the dentition to an extent where identification is possible. The lack of a tentative identification or failure to locate dental or similar ante-mortem records is a more common reason for an odontological investigation to fail.  

**CONCLUSION**  
It can be stated without reservation that the dental profession, now and in the future, can and will play a dominant role in the identification process. We as practitioners must be prepared for this demanding challenge. In doing so, we will then fulfill our obligation to society...legally, morally, and professionally.

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