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Drug screening test

Drug screening apparatus are screening devices used to determine the presence of drugs (prescribed by legislation) in a person's oral fluid or blood. Approved drug testing apparatus are published in the Road Traffic (Miscellaneous) Regulations 2014.

Conducting a drug screening test

When a positive test is obtained from the alcotest the procedure for handling that result will take precedence over drug screening. At the completion of the alcohol procedure the member will then commence the drug testing procedure.

When a member performs a drug screening test the following applies:

- in the presence of the person to be tested, the member must open the packaging of the screening apparatus—using caution when opening/removing the collection device from the apparatus to ensure no contamination occurs
- the member must ensure the driver does not take anything by mouth immediately before the test
- the member must inform the driver of any reasons for the delay
- the member must give clear directions to the person about how they are required to conduct the obtaining of the sample
- when the member believes on reasonable grounds that an inaccurate result has been obtained from the person they shall be directed to submit to a second or subsequent test until the test has been properly performed
- when the drug screening test shows a negative result, there is no valid reason to delay the person further
- when operating at a driver testing station and the member detects other offences, the member must direct the person away from the driver testing station and take the appropriate action
- the member must dispose of any used screening apparatus and associated waste using a biohazard bag—this bag must be disposed of in a medical waste collection bin
- the member must not, under any circumstances, provide the used screening apparatus to the subject after completion of the test.

Out of scope

