

# Random Roadside Drug Testing.



Driving safely needs your full attention

You must be:



mentally alert



see clearly



be well-coordinated



## What happens at a roadside drug test?

Saliva samples are used to detect illicit drugs.

An absorbent swab, like a large cotton bud, collects saliva from the tongue and inside the cheek of the person being tested.

### THE TEST DETECTS:

**methamphetamine** (ice, speed)



**cannabis** (weed, pot)



**MDMA** (ecstasy, molly, pills)



## What will you be asked to do?

- 1 Drivers are asked to provide a saliva sample.
- 2 The sample is analysed at the roadside, this takes about 3 minutes.
- 3 If a driver has a positive result, they are asked to undertake a further test.
- 4 If this test is also positive, the sample is sent to a laboratory for confirmation.
- 5 The results of this lab test form the basis for charging the driver.

**12**  
hours

**Cannabis** can be detected for around 12 hours after use (if used occasionally) and up to 30 hours for daily use.

**48**  
hours

**Methamphetamine and MDMA** can be detected for around 48 hours after use.



## Don't forget

- If you're taking medication, talk to your doctor about whether it is safe to drive.
- It's safest not to drive after you have used alcohol or other drugs.
- Even if you feel okay to drive you can still be affected and be a danger to yourself and others.