

How long do drugs stay in your system?



Even after the effects of a drug wear off, it can still be detected in your system for a certain amount of time.



Workplaces will often use urine or saliva testing, roadside testing will use saliva only.



Timeframes depend on the type of test - saliva, urine or blood.



Different states/territories will check for different substances in their roadside testing.

For example, NSW tests for cocaine but Victoria doesn't.

This a guide only - detection times can vary depending on:

drug strength



your size/weight



tolerance to the drug



if it was mixed with other drugs



MDMA (MD, caps, bikkies, pingers)

Effects last: 3-4 hours
Saliva test: 2 days
Urine test: 3-4 days



Cannabis (weed, bud, yarndi, pot)

Effects last: 1-4 hours smoked, 4-12 hours edibles
Saliva test: 12 hours for infrequent use, 30 hours for frequent use
Urine test: 10-30 days or longer



Cocaine (coke, blow, rack, charlie)

Effects last: 30-45 minutes
Saliva test: Less than 24 hours
Urine test: 2-3 days



Ketamine (k, ket, special k)

Effects last: 1-1.5 hours
Saliva test: Less than 24 hours
Urine test: 48-72 hours



Methamphetamine (ice, shard, gear, meth)

Effects last: 4-12 hours
Saliva test: 2 days
Urine test: 2-5 days



LSD (acid, trips, tabs, microdots)

Effects last: Up to 12 hours
Saliva test: not detectable
Urine test: Up to 3 days



GHB (G, fantasy, juice, liquid E)

Effects last: Up to 5 hours
Saliva test: not detectable
Urine test: 12 hours



Opioids (heroin, codeine, oxy, fentanyl)

Effects last: Varies depending on type
Saliva test: Less than 24 hours
Urine test: 2-4 days



Benzodiazepines (benzos, bricks, xannies, tranx)

Effects last: Varies depending on type
Saliva test: Less than 24 hours
Urine test: Up to 2 weeks

For more information on drug effects or duration times:

- ADF Drug Facts: adf.org.au/drug-facts
- DrugInfo email: druginfo@adf.org.au
- DrugInfo and advice line: **1300 85 85 84**