

TESTING PROCEDURES FTA PROGRAM



TITLE 49: TRANSPORTATION

PART 40: PROCEDURES FOR TRANSPORTATION WORKPLACE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING PROGRAMS DOT DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY & COMPLIANCE OFFICE



WHO IS COVERED? A person who performs a revenue vehicle operation, revenue vehicle and equipment maintenance, revenue vehicle control or dispatch (optional), Commercial Drivers License non-revenue vehicle operation, or armed security duties.

REQUIRED DRUG TEST TYPES: Pre-employment, Random, Reasonable Suspicion, Post-Accident, Return-to-Duty, and Follow-Up.

ALCOHOL TEST TYPES: Pre-employment (optional), Random, Reasonable Suspicion, Post-Accident, Return-to-Duty, and Follow-Up.

DEFINITION OF ACCIDENT REQUIRING TESTING: Any accident involving a fatality requires testing. Testing following a non-fatal accident is discretionary: If the employer can show the employee's performance could not have contributed to the accident, no test is needed. Non-fatal accidents that may require testing must have disabling damage to any vehicle or immediate medical attention away from the scene to meet the testing threshold.

REASONABLE-SUSPICION DETERMINATION: One trained supervisor or company official can make the decision based upon specific, contemporaneous, articulable observations concerning the appearance, behavior, speech, or body odors of the employee. If an employee refuses a test, or tests positive, they are immediately removed from the safety sensitive position and referred to a substance abuse professional.

PRE-DUTY ALCOHOL USE PROHIBITIONS: Four (4) hours prior to performance of duty.

ACTIONS FOR BACS 0.02 – 0.039: If the employer chooses to return the employee to covered service within 8 hours, the BAC re-test must be below 0.02.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING: Employer must provide education with display and distribution of informational materials and a community service hot-line telephone number, if available. One-hour of training on the effects and consequence of prohibited drug use on personal health, safety, and the work environment, and on the signs and symptoms that may indicate prohibited drug use. Distribution to each employee of the employer's policy regarding the use of drugs and alcohol with signed receipt is mandatory.

SUPERVISOR TRAINING: One-hour of training is required on the specific, contemporaneous physical, behavioral, and performance indicators of probable drug use. One-hour of training is also required on the specific, contemporaneous physical, behavioral, and performance indicators of probable alcohol use.

FTA PROHIBITED DRUGS (DOT 5-PANEL SCREEN): Cocaine, Marijuana, PCP, Amphetamines, Opioids.