

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



CAN I ASK FOR A DIFFERENT TEST?

You can ask.

Police may agree to a Compulsory Impairment Test, but drivers do not have a legal right to choose a different testing method



CAN I ASK WHAT THE SWAB CONTAINS?

Yes.

However, Police advise they do not hold the complete ingredient list for the DrugWipe 3 S because it is proprietary to the manufacturer.



WHAT HAPPENS TO MY SALIVA?

Police say:

- Used screening devices are destroyed as biohazard waste.
- Police do not create DNA profiles from saliva samples.

Questions remain about laboratory saliva samples after testing.



WHAT IF I THINK POLICE DIDN'T FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE?

Write everything down as soon as possible.
Keep photographs, recordings and witness details.



WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

Scan the QR code

Read the full guide, FAQs, OIA updates and the latest information as it becomes available.



ROADSIDE DRUG TESTING

BEFORE YOU DECIDE...



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



KNOW YOUR OPTIONS



KNOW THE FACTS



NZ POLICE CAN NOW STOP ANY DRIVER, ANYWHERE, AT ANY TIME FOR ROADSIDE SALIVA DRUG TESTING.



Inside this quick guide:

Police procedures • Your options • FAQs



SCAN TO READ THE COMPLETE GUIDE

ROADSIDE DRUG TESTING

KNOW THE PROCESS. KNOW YOUR RIGHTS.

PROCEDURES

ACCORDING TO POLICE OPERATING PROCEDURES, OFFICERS MUST:



EXPLAIN THE PROCESS

What the test is, what you are required to do, what happens if you refuse, and that the roadside test is a screening test.



ALLOW YOU TO ASK QUESTIONS

If you don't understand, ask.



ALLOW YOU TO PHOTOGRAPH YOUR OWN TESTING DEVICE

Provided you do not interfere with the testing process.

TO HELP PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS:



RECORD THE INTERACTION

Audio or video, if safe to do so.



MAKE NOTES

Note the time, location, officer's name or QID, patrol car number and anything unusual.

ROADSIDE DRUG TESTING

YOUR DECISION

ONLY **YOU** CAN DECIDE HOW TO RESPOND



IF YOU PARTICIPATE



FIRST SALIVA SWAB

Swab across tongue. Screens for THC, methamphetamine, MDMA and cocaine.



FIRST TEST IS **NEGATIVE**

Generally free to continue.



FIRST TEST IS **POSITIVE**

Saliva sample taken for laboratory analysis AND you must complete a second roadside swab test.



SECOND SALIVA SWAB

POSITIVE = 12 hour driving prohibition
NEGATIVE = Generally free to continue.

LABORATORY TESTING

Your saliva is tested against **25 qualifying drugs**.

If confirmed, penalties start at:
\$200 fine + 50 demerit points.



IF YOU REFUSE



\$400

INFRINGEMENT FINE



75

DEMERIT POINTS



12-HOUR

DRIVING PROHIBITION



These consequences apply even if you believe you are not impaired.

STAY CALM. BE POLITE. KNOW YOUR RIGHTS.

You are entitled to be treated lawfully and respectfully. These steps are here to protect your rights and the integrity of the process.

THIS IS NOT LEGAL ADVICE.

Know the facts. Make an informed decision. Understand the consequences.

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FREEDOM