

Mandatory Intoxicant Testing



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LAW

Section 10 of the Road Traffic Act 2010

Member of An Garda Síochána not below rank of Inspector provides written authorisation for date, time & specific location

Allows Gardaí conducting checkpoint to stop any vehicle and require driver to:

- Provide Breath Specimen**
- Provide Oral Fluid Specimen**
- others incl, indicate how to provide sample, move vehicle, accompany to location.**

If person, without reasonable excuse, fails or refuses to, comply with above requirements – they commit offence, Garda has power of arrest

PRACTICE

- 21 DIVISIONS
- DESIGNATED ROADS POLICING INSPECTOR IN EACH
- PLANS OPERATIONS (INC MITs) IN AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY
- ISSUES AUTHORISATIONS

Mandatory Intoxicant Testing

(Authorisation to establish a Checkpoint or Checkpoints)

Section 10 Road Traffic Act 2010, as substituted by section 11
Road Traffic Act 2016.

I, [NAME], a member of An Garda Síochána not below the rank of Inspector, in accordance with the provisions of section 10 of the Road Traffic Act 2010, as substituted by section 11 of the Road Traffic Act 2016, authorise the establishment of a checkpoint or checkpoints as set out hereunder :

(1) On [DATE] at [SPECIFIC LOCATION] (a public place) between the hours of [SET TIMES]

(2) On [DATE] at [SPECIFIC LOCATION] (a public place) between the hours of [SET TIMES]

...

SIGNED: _____ RANK: INSPECTOR

DATED: _____

PRACTICE

ANY TIME DAY OR
NIGHT

ANY NUMBER OF
GARDAÍ AND
VEHCILES

PREDETERMINED
ORDER OF TESTING

TESTED FOR
ALCOHOL AND
DRUGS

DEVICES

DRAGER 7510



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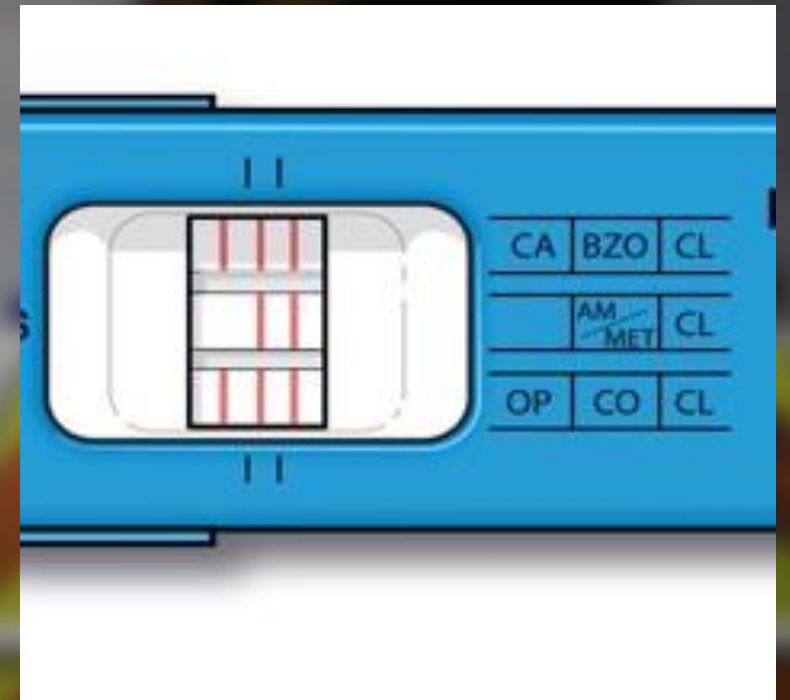
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Securetec DrugWipe 6S



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OUTCOMES

- RESULT **PASS** – NO FURTHER ACTION
- RESULT **FAIL** – ARREST, TRANSPORT TO STATION, EVIDENTIAL SAMPLE UNDER S.12 OF THE RTA 2010
- EVIDENTIAL SAMPLES: BREATH, BLOOD & URINE.
BLOOD ONLY FOR A DRUG DRIVING ARREST
- PROSECUTION COMMENCES/RELEASED PENDING ANALYSIS

STATS - 2023

MITS CONDUCTED 46,145

BREATH TESTS

166,486

Tests Conducted

843

Positives (0.5%)

20

Refusals (0.01%)

ORAL FLUID TESTS

4,749

Tests conducted

419

Positives (9%)

3

Refusals (0.06%)

STATS -Christmas/NY Roads Safety Campaign 23/24

	12-3a	3-6a	6-9a	9-12p	12p-3p	3-6p	6-9p	9p-12a	Total
Mon	34	7	5	14	4	9	16	13	102
Tue	12	4	4	19	18	12	19	24	112
Wed	18	5	6	7	11	8	23	25	103
Thu	17	4	2	8	7	7	11	18	74
Fri	23	5	7	7	11	14	19	38	124
Sat	37	8	3	15	8	10	17	40	138
Sun	56	11	7	12	12	11	18	38	165
Total	197	44	34	43	71	71	123	196	818

**Driving under Influence
(Drug and Alcohol) arrests**

**48% of arrests occurred
between 9pm and 3am**

24 hour issue

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DMR Roads Policing carried out a city-centre checkpoint this morning. Two motorists were arrested for DUI, including one who drove towards them the wrong way down a one-way street!

Always leave sufficient time for alcohol to leave your system before driving! [#ArriveAlive](#)



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MIT Checkpoint M9 Motorway



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Longford Gardaí carried out a Mandatory Intoxicant Testing checkpoint last night in the town.

One driver was arrested for registering above the alcohol limit and another arrested for testing positive for cocaine.

#SaferRoads



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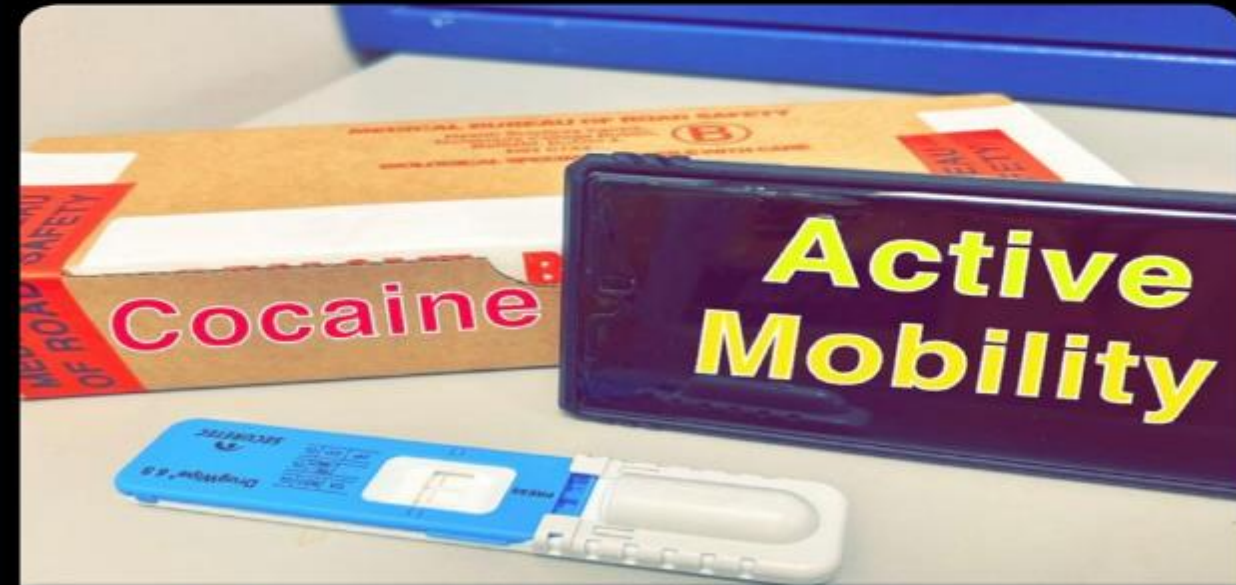
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The Delvin Roads Policing Unit stopped this driver at a MIT checkpoint.

The driver subsequently tested positive for cocaine and were arrested.

Court is to follow.

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THANK YOU

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