

MEDICINES & DRIVING

Just because a medication is prescribed by a doctor does **NOT** mean it's OK to drive. Some prescription drugs can impair your ability to drive safely.

WA has a **zero tolerance** approach to THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol) found in cannabis. Any amount found in a roadside saliva test will result in a **conviction for drug driving**.

A police officer can conduct a driver assessment as part of their observations of the driver's behaviour, demeanour and condition which can include:

- (a) there is any apparent injury to the driver;
- (b) there are any unusual or indicative skin responses;
- (c) there is a smell of alcohol;
- (d) the driver's —
 - (i) speech; or
 - (ii) action; or
 - (iii) movement; or
 - (iv) balance, appears affected;
- (e) the appearance of the driver's eyes indicates drug ingestion (dilated, constricted, bloodshot, etc.);
- (f) the driver's rate or manner of breathing appears affected by drugs;
- (g) the driver's attitude or the appearance of the driver's clothing appears to indicate drug ingestion;
- (h) the driver's general comprehension appears affected by drugs.

*Road Traffic (Drug Driving) Regulations 2007 s.(66A(7)



DRUG TESTING TIMES



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FACTORS THAT CAN INFLUENCE TESTING

Type of drugs & the amount	Frequency of use	Physical Activity	Hydration / Water in the body	Body mass or Weight	Tolerance
DRUG		SALIVA	BLOOD	URINE	HAIR
Benzodiazapines		2-3 days	24 hours	1-30 days	6 months
Cannabis (light user)		3 days	1-3 days	3-5 days	3 months
Cannabis (heavy user)		7-14 days	1-3 days	2-3 months	3 months
Cocaine		2 days	3-14 days	2 days	3 months
Dexamphetamine		2 days	48 hours	1-5 days	3 months
Fentanyl		N/A	5-48 hours	24-72 hours	3 months
GHB / Fantasy		6 hours	8 hours	12 hours	3 months
Heroin		1-2 days	5-24 hours	1-2 days	3 months
Ketamine		3 days	24 hours	30 days	3 months
LSD		3 hours	6-12 hours	8 hours	3 months
MDMA / Ecstasy		1-2 days	1-2 days	1-3 days	3 months
Methamphetamine / Amphetamine		2 days	48 hours	1-5 days	3 months
Oxycodone		4 days	24 hours	4 days	3 months
Psilocybin / Magic Mushrooms		8 hours	N/A	8 hours	3 months

POLICE ROAD SIDE DRUG TESTING

Cannabis	12-30 hours	1-3 days
Methamphetamine / Amphetamine	2 days	2 days
MDMA / Ecstasy	2 days	1-2 days

In WA it's illegal to drive any motor vehicle whilst impaired by Drugs.* This includes eRiders, motorised mobility scooters & wheel chairs, motor cycles & quad bikes, tractors & agricultural equipment on roads, paths, tracks, car parks & any other place the public can access.

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