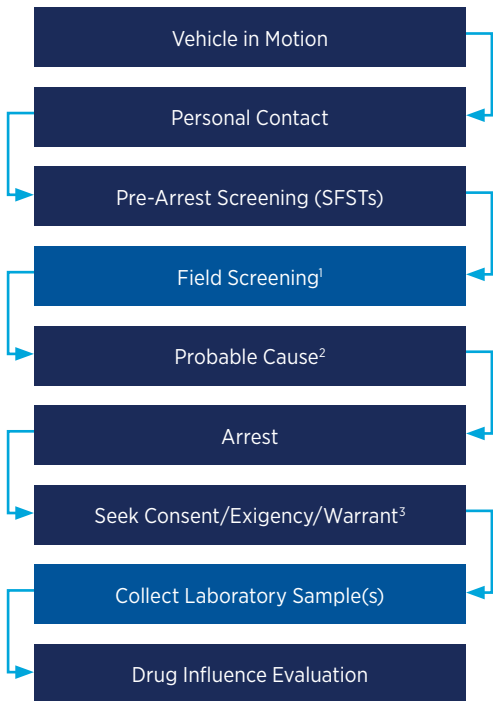


Oral Fluid Field Screening for Law Enforcement



¹ Oral fluid field screening (OFFS) and preliminary breath test, if applicable.

² Based on totality of investigation.

³ First seek consent. If no consent, are there exigent circumstances?
If none, can you apply for a warrant?

Screening Device Operation and Oral Fluid Collection

1. Attend training and obtain a certificate from screening device manufacturer and/or approved provider before use.
2. Follow device instructions for collection, operation, quality control tests, storage, and maintenance.
3. Ensure ≥ 10 minute observation period before test is administered.
4. Wear gloves.
5. Collector and subject should not touch collection area (pad).

Drug - Any substance that, when taken into the human body, can impair the ability of the person to operate a vehicle safely.

Limit of Detection (LOD) - Lowest quantity of a drug in a sample that can be identified.

Metabolite - Any substance produced during metabolism (synthesized or broken down from a parent drug).

Oral Fluid - A clear, tasteless fluid comprised of saliva produced by multiple salivary glands, and other constituents inside the mouth.

Presumptive Positive Result -

A qualitative result indicates the presence of the drug, its metabolite, or cross-reacting substance but does not indicate level of intoxication, route of administration, or concentration.

Oral Fluid Field Screening (OFFS)

- Portable & handheld options available
- Easy & fast collection
- Minimally invasive, similar to breath test
- Gender neutral collections
- Rapid results (≤ 10 mins)
- Demonstrated accuracy, sensitivity, & specificity
- Used in conjunction with other evidence to build probable cause for arrest decision
- Quickly identifies potential polydrug drivers (regardless of BAC level)
- Results may support search warrant requests for additional biological samples
- Follow manufacturer instructions/ guidelines
- Admissible in hearings like those on probable cause

Good Reports Begin at Roadside

- Close doors to potential defenses with a thorough investigation
- Include details about SFST clues, other observations, and screening results in your report

REMEMBER: Your report must refresh your recollection... even years later.

Scan to access the entire toolkit.

