

Do you drive in the course of your work?

Road Traffic Act 2016 - Commenced Easter 2017

Driving for work includes any person who drives on the road as part of their work either in a company vehicle or in their own vehicle and receives an allowance from their employer for miles driven and will be subject to random roadside drug testing which commenced on the 13th April 2017. It is now illegal, under the Road Traffic Act 2016, to drive under the influence of cannabis, cocaine, heroin and benzodiazepines. Those driving under the influence of prescribed or over the counter medicines under the advice of a doctor or pharmacist will have no problem as long as those drugs do not impair driving.

Roadside Drug Testing Procedures

Those stopped at Garda checkpoints will be required to:

- (a) to provide a specimen of his or her breath (by exhaling into an apparatus for indicating the presence of alcohol in the breath) in the manner indicated by the member;
- (b) to provide a specimen of his or her oral fluid (by collecting a specimen of oral fluid from his or her mouth using an apparatus for indicating the presence of drugs in oral fluid) in the manner indicated by the member;
- (c) to accompany him or her or another member of the Garda Siochana to a place (including a vehicle) at or in the vicinity of the checkpoint and there to provide a specimen of his or her breath, as specified in paragraph (a), a specimen of his or her oral fluid, as specified in paragraph (b), or both, in the manner indicated by him or her or that other member

Those testing positive will be arrested and brought to a Garda Station where they will be required to submit to a blood test which will be forwarded to the Medical Bureau of Road Safety for analysis. Those over the limits will be subject to prosecution.

The Institute will conduct a seminar on the legal implications for employers as follows:

**Reporting and Driving for Work under the Influence of Drugs and Alcohol
– Employer's Legal Obligations.
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