

Guidance for Rail Transport Operators

Post Incident Testing

Incident Reporting

For those Category A incidents where post-incident drug and alcohol testing is required, the ONRSR Rail Safety Officer receiving the incident notification call will request a **site contact name and number** be provided to enable post incident testing arrangements.

ONRSR testing has to be conducted within timeframes set in the RSNL ('evidentiary timeframes').

- In NSW, VIC, QLD, ACT and TAS, the evidentiary timeframe is 3 hours from the time the incident occurred.
- The evidentiary timeframe is longer in other jurisdictions, but ONRSR will still seek to conduct testing within a reasonable timeframe.

ONRSR will confirm with the rail operator if an authorised person is available to undertake testing within the evidentiary timeframe.

If ONRSR or police are unable to undertake testing, the operator must undertake both drug and alcohol testing.

ONRSR may request that a rail safety worker remain at the incident site for ONRSR testing. Operators have an obligation to do all that is reasonably necessary to facilitate ONRSR testing.

Testing Process

- ❖ ONRSR authorised persons conduct alcohol breath testing and oral fluid testing.
- ❖ Post incident testing will not be undertaken by ONRSR if police are attending an incident site and undertaking both alcohol and drug testing. If police conduct an alcohol breath test only, an ONRSR authorised person may conduct oral fluid drug testing.
- ❖ When police or ONRSR conduct post incident testing, operators are not required to undertake testing **except in NSW where it is mandatory for operators to conduct post incident testing.**

Test Results

- ❖ Test results will be verbally advised to the operator's site contact at the time of testing.
- ❖ In the instance of a non-negative drug or alcohol breath test result, ONRSR will immediately contact the rail transport operator's authorised key contact to notify them and request that the operator activates their DAMP.
- ❖ Written confirmation of test results is entered into ONRSR Portal the following business day. Where a sample is sent to laboratory for analysis, generally results can take up to 3 business days to be received.

Rail Transport Operator's DAMP

- ❖ The operator's DAMP should clearly outline testing arrangements and how these interact with police or ONRSR testing post incident, including any potential impact of ONRSR's testing on the operator's post incident testing timeframes included in their DAMP.