

*For more information contact Council's Road Safety Officer on 8757 9000*

### Drugs and Alcohol

Alcohol and Drugs can be detected in your system by a road side Police test.

#### ALCOHOL:

Even 12 hours after your last drink you can still have 0.02 or 0.03 Blood Alcohol Content depending on how much alcohol you consumed.

#### MARIJUANA:

Can be detected for up to 30 days after your last smoke even if you used it for the first time.

The following substances can be detected for up to 5 days after your last use:

- Amphetamines
- Cocaine
- Ecstasy
- Heroin

### Random Breath and Drug Testing

Police have the power to stop any motorist for a random breath test (RBT) or mobile drug test (MDT).

Police will also test all drivers involved in a crash where:

- A vehicle has to be towed,
- A person is injured, or
- A driver is thought to be affected by alcohol or drugs.

Even if you are not at fault in the crash:

- You will be tested for alcohol at the crash scene.
- If they suspect you are under the influence of drugs you will be arrested for the purpose of a drugs test.
- If you are taken to hospital you will have blood tests for alcohol and drugs.

Even if you are not at fault in a crash if you test positive to alcohol or drugs after a crash then your insurance **WILL NOT** pay for the crash damages and you will be charged.

### DUI = Criminal Record

A drink drive or drug drive conviction will affect your life for at least the next 5 years. It will often be the only thing to stop you from getting:

- Your next job (or even keeping your current job).
- Insurance cover for your car, home and contents.
- Rental accommodation.
- A personal loan.
- A travel visa for your next holiday.

### Did You Know?

The Young Offenders Act (1997) does not apply to traffic offences.  
Even 16 year old learner drivers are treated as adults in the Courts for traffic offences.

