



NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

PREVENT. PROTECT. PREPARE

Offender Drug Testing Program

ADULT CORRECTION - PRISONS

Purpose

- Prisons has a responsibility to protect the public, and to provide the safest environment possible for staff and offenders.
- Prisons must always preserve order and maintain security within facilities. Drug use presents a significant threat to safety and security. Effective drug screening combined with appropriate sanctions is a means of suppressing drug use, thus reducing institutional violence.
- Screening also provides a mechanism to identify those inmates with substance abuse problems and target them for long term or short term treatment programs.



Testing Frequency

- »» At a minimum, Prisons randomly test 10% of the assigned offender population monthly at each facility

Reasons to Screen ...

- ▶ Upon Admission
- ▶ Cause/Suspicion (intel)
- ▶ Possession of Drugs
- ▶ Possession of Paraphernalia
- ▶ Offender Behavior
- ▶ Consideration for Community Based Programs
- ▶ Pre-Release (60-90 days)
- ▶ Previously Tested Positive
- ▶ Randomly (OPUS Reports)



Substance Testing

Alcohol

Cocaine

Amphetamine

Meth-Amphetamine

THC

Opiates

Buprenorphine

Synthetic Cannabinoids





Positive Screening Results

Positive on site screens are confirmed by an independent vendor (Great Lake Labs)

Positive Screens – Actions

- ▶ Initiate internal disciplinary process
- ▶ Search offender for contraband
- ▶ Refer to a substance abuse treatment program
- ▶ Follow-Up testing
- ▶ Initiate Drug Interdiction
- ▶ Initiate search of facility
- ▶ Identify source of contraband through investigative means

Offender Specific Actions

Facility Actions

Q & A