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ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION  
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OPR: TREATMENT

## ALCOHOL SOBRIETY FIELD TEST

### I. GENERAL

This Alabama Department of Corrections (ADOC) Administrative Regulation (AR) establishes the responsibilities, policies, and procedures to screen individuals suspected of being under the influence of alcohol.

### II. POLICY

It is the policy of the ADOC to test inmates, employees, visitors, or volunteers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol utilizing the Alcotest 6510 breathalyzer.

### III. DEFINITION(S) and ACRONYM(S)

Alcotest 6510: An electronic breathalyzer device that measures the breathe alcohol content of an individual.

### IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Wardens/Division Directors are responsible for developing their institutional/divisional Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) as necessary for implementation of AR 639, *Alcohol Sobriety Field Test*.
- B. The Director of Treatment shall be responsible for ensuring staff are properly trained in the use of the Alcotest 6510 Electronic Breathalyzer Device.
- C. The Warden/designee or Division Director/designee shall ensure that only designated and trained staff operate the Alcotest 6510 Electronic Breathalyzer Device.
- D. The designated trained staff shall perform alcohol breathalyzer tests in accordance with the procedures set forth in this AR.

- E. All ADOC employees shall report any individual that is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol.

## V. PROCEDURES

- A. Any individual entering an ADOC facility that is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol may be tested.
  - 1. All staff members will notify their immediate supervisor when any individual in the workplace is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol. If an immediate supervisor is not available, the next level of available supervision will be notified.
  - 2. The supervisor will notify the Warden/designee or Division Director/designee.
  - 3. Warden/designee or Division Director/designee shall determine if Alcotest 6510 breathalyzer testing is appropriate.
  - 4. Testing will be accomplished by designated trained staff with the approval of the Warden/designee or Division Director/designee using procedures outlined below.
- B. Equipment Operations
  - 1. Turning the Device On/Off
    - a. ON – Press and hold “OK” button (approximately one second)
    - b. OFF – Press and hold “OK” button until the unit turns off (three seconds)
  - 2. Opening the Mouthpiece Package by grasping the package at the wide opening of the mouthpiece and tear along perforation.
  - 3. Inserting the Mouthpiece
    - a. Hold mouthpiece with the “Drager logo” and grooved markings on top.
    - b. Slide the mouthpiece into place and press down until it clicks (see illustrations A & B on the Alcotest 6510 operating card).
  - 4. Performing a Breath Test
    - a. Turn the 6510 unit on, insert a new mouthpiece, and wait until the unit reaches the “ready” mode.

- b. Instruct the subject to breathe in deeply and blow evenly and continuously into the mouthpiece.
  - c. Correct blowing is indicated by a continuous tone.
  - d. Blowing can cease when the tone stops and the green light turns off.
  - e. After a few seconds, the measured value will appear on the display.
  - f. To begin a new test, press the “OK” button. When “ready” appears on the display, another breath test can be initiated.
- C. The results of the test shall be reported to the Warden/designee or Division Director/designee.
- D. The Warden/designee or Division Director/designee will take the appropriate action for positive test results.
1. Any on-duty ADOC employee, upon a reasonable suspicion of alcohol use, who registers .02 or above on the breathalyzer shall submit to a urinalysis screening test. If screening is positive, specimen is then sent to an outside independent toxicology lab for confirmation testing. If confirmation is positive, corrective action shall be initiated in accordance with AR 227, *Controlled Substance Testing for Employees of the Alabama Department of Corrections*.
  2. Off-duty ADOC employees who visit the work site and register .02 or above on the breathalyzer will be sent home.
  3. Inmates shall have confirmation test utilizing AR 440, *Inmate Drug Testing*.
  4. Visitors and volunteers will be required to leave state property and suspended from returning in accordance with the suspension policy in AR 303, *Inmate Visitation*.
  5. The below chart establishes a standard in the degree of impairment:

<b>BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION (BAC) FOR DIFFERENT BODY WEIGHTS</b>											
<b>WEIGHT IN POUNDS</b>	<b>DRINKS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>MALE</b>	100 lbs	.043	.087	.130	.174	.217	.261	.304	.348	.391
	125 lbs	.034	.069	.103	.139	.173	.209	.242	.287	.312	.346
	150 lbs	.029	.058	.087	.116	.145	.174	.203	.232	.261	.290
	175 lbs	.025	.050	.075	.100	.125	.150	.175	.200	.225	.250
	200 lbs	.022	.043	.065	.087	.108	.130	.152	.174	.195	.217
	225 lbs	.019	.039	.058	.078	.097	.117	.136	.156	.175	.195
	250 lbs	.017	.035	.052	.070	.087	.105	.122	.139	.156	.173
<b>FEMALE</b>	100 lbs	.050	.101	.152	.203	.253	.304	.355	.406	.456	.507
	125 lbs	.040	.080	.120	.162	.202	.244	.282	.324	.364	.404
	150 lbs	.034	.068	.101	.135	.169	.203	.237	.271	.304	.338
	175 lbs	.029	.058	.087	.117	.146	.175	.204	.233	.262	.292
	200 lbs	.026	.050	.076	.101	.126	.152	.177	.203	.227	.253

E. The Warden/designee or Division Director/designee shall notify the Commissioner/designee in writing of any individual, excluding inmates, who test positive.

**VI. DISPOSITION**

There are no forms used in this regulation, therefore no disposition instructions are needed.

**VII. FORMS**


There are no forms prescribed in this regulation.

**VIII. SUPERCEDES**

This is a new regulation; and therefore, does not supercede any previous regulation.

**IX. PERFORMANCE**

Code of Alabama 1975, Section 14-1-1 and 14-1-2

  
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