

Drug Detection Periods

Drug	Category	Detection Period ¹
Amphetamines	Stimulants	
Amphetamine		2-4 days
Methamphetamine		2-4 days
Barbiturates	Sedative Hypnotics	
Amobarbital		2-4 days
Butalbital		2-4 days
Pentobarbital		2-4 days
Phenobarbital		Up to 30 days
Secobarbital		2-4 days
Benzodiazepines	Sedative Hypnotics	
Diazepam (Valium®)		Up to 30 days
Chlordiazepoxide (Librium®)		Up to 30 days
Cocaine	Stimulants	
Benzoylcegonine		12-72 hours
Cannabinoids (Marijuana)	Euphoriant	
Casual Use		2-7 days
Chronic Use		Up to 30 days
Ethanol (Alcohol)	Sedative Hypnotics	Very short ²
Methadone	Narcotic Analgesics	2-4 days
Methaqualone (Quaalude®)	Sedative Hypnotics	2-4 days
Opiates	Narcotic Analgesics	
Codeine		2-4 days
Hydromorphone (Dilaudid®)		2-4 days
Morphine (for Heroin)		2-4 days
Phencyclidine (PCP)	Hallucinogens	
Casual Use		2-7 days
Chronic Use		Up to 30 days
Propoxyphene (Darvocet)	Analgesics	2-4 days

Information provided by Occupational Health Group (OHG).

For more information on drug screening, please visit our website at <http://www.OHGonline.org>.

¹ Detection periods vary; rates of metabolism and excretion are different for each drug and user. Detection periods should be viewed as estimates. Cases can always be found to contradict these approximations.

² Detection period depends on amount consumed. Alcohol is excreted at the rate of approximately one ounce per hour.