

## **Drug Test Comparison Chart**

	Saliva/ Oral Fluid	Urine	Hair Follicle
Window of Detection	Approx. 8-48 hours	Approx. 2 - 7 days	1 week to 3 months
Advantages and Best Use	Saliva or oral fluid tests are easy-to-use with an non-invasive sample collection method. A simple swab of the mouth is sufficient to detect very recent drug use.  Results available in 10 minutes.  This test is very portable and can be used at home, in the car, at school.	Less expensive than saliva testing. You can test up to 10 drugs at one time.  Some tests are now equipped with built-in tampering devices that will detect if the donor has tried to tamper with the sample, e.g. by diluting the sample or adding a foreign substance.  Receive results in 5-10 minutes.	Hair follicle testing is a more reliable and secure method than urine and saliva testing.  Sample collection is easy.  Samples are tested at a laboratory, and will provide a drug history of up to 90 days. GC/MS is performed on all positive results to ensure the result is not a false-positive.  Possible to determine whether the user is a low, medium or high user.
Disadvantages	Very small window detection.	The potential risk for substitution of a sample and tampering with a sample. It is unpleasant to provide and collect.	Results available in 3-4 business days.  Not possible to determine when the drug(s) were taken during the 90 day period,.  Will not test for prescription medications with the exclusion of codeine and morphine.