

Important Toxicology Information

The history of drugs and/or alcohol is vital to how we work a case.

If any drugs are suspected they should be listed in the Drugs Suspected box in the More Info section.

CSC:

We will not work cases if:

- a) Blood is taken more than 12 hours after the incident
- b) Urine is taken more than 24 hours after the incident
- c) There is no history of drugs or alcohol playing a role in the assault

DUI:

For urine, we do a comprehensive analysis regardless of whether a history is provided. We would still like a history though as some drugs are more difficult for us to see and if they are in the history; it insures that we will look for them specifically.

For blood, if a BA is performed and it is over 0.08%, we will only do a drug screen if drugs are requested. If the BA is less than 0.08%, we will do a drug screen but will not look for drugs that are not included in the drug screening panel if they are not listed as suspected. Not all drugs are included on our standard drug screen so if a specific drug is suspected, it should be listed so we know to look specifically for it.

If blood is submitted on a DUI case it is important you indicate if there was a valid breath test performed so that we do not do a BA on the case. According to state law there should not be two tests for alcohol on a DUI case.

Death:

We will do a comprehensive analysis for natural, pending tox or child fatalities. If the case is a traffic fatality, homicide or suicide, among others, we will only do a BA and drug screen. Again, if there are drugs suspected, they need to be listed or we will not know to look for them.

As a reminder, when logging in evidence, we want just one of each item type. So if you are logging in 10 tubes of blood for toxicology, they should just be listed as one item, blood.