

# ACCIDENT PROCEDURES

## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FMCSA-COVERED DRIVERS

### FOR DECISIONS ON POST-ACCIDENT DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING

If you are involved in an accident involving a commercial motor vehicle operating on a public road, answer these questions in order to determine whether or not you must be tested for drugs and alcohol. DOT holds the driver responsible for making this decision.

**1. WAS ANYONE KILLED IN THE ACCIDENT?**

- YES: you MUST be tested for drugs and alcohol.
- NO: go on to Question #2.

**2. DID YOU RECEIVE A CITATION FOR A MOVING VIOLATION?**

- YES: go on to Question #3.
- NO: you do NOT have to be tested. Stop here. Read the box below.

**3. DOES ANY VEHICLE INVOLVED IN THE ACCIDENT REQUIRE TOWING?**

- YES: you MUST be tested for drugs and alcohol.

**There are exceptions. If a vehicle is towed, you do NOT have to be tested if:**

- a. The vehicle must be towed because a tire is damaged, but no spare tire is available.
- b. It is night. The vehicle must be towed because of damage to its headlights and/or taillights. (If it were daytime, the vehicle could be driven.)
- c. The vehicle must be towed because damage to its turn signals, horn, or windshield wipers makes them inoperable. Otherwise the vehicle could be driven.

- NO: go on to Question #4.

**4. DOES ANY PERSON WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THE ACCIDENT REQUIRE MEDICAL ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT? (HOSPITAL, CLINIC, DOCTOR'S OFFICE, ETC.)**

- YES: you MUST be tested for drugs and alcohol.

**There are exceptions. You do NOT have to be tested if the injury occurred:**

- a. when getting on or off of the vehicle when it was not moving.
- b. when loading or unloading cargo.
- c. when driving a passenger car or multipurpose passenger vehicle, unless transporting passengers for hire, or hazardous materials requiring placarding.

- NO: you do NOT have to be tested. Read the box below.

You must follow all other required procedures for reporting an accident.

If you are NOT tested, you are also NOT allowed to consume alcohol for the next 8 hours. While it may not appear at this time that you must be tested, that could change. If an officer decides that you were at fault, you may be issued a citation for a moving violation. A person injured in an accident could die within the 8 hour time frame. In both cases, you would have to be tested. If you consume alcohol between now and the time of that test, you would be in violation of DOT rules, and you would therefore be disqualified from driving.

After 8 hours have passed, there can be no more attempts to conduct an alcohol test. A test for drugs, however, can be ordered anytime within the next 32 hours. After 32 hours, there can be no testing for drugs.

IF YOU MUST BE TESTED, call Medtox Laboratories at 1-800-832-3244 immediately. Explain that you are a driver for the University of Minnesota, and that you must take a DOT post-accident test for drugs and alcohol. Tell Medtox where you are currently located, and ask for the address and phone number of the nearest collection site.