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SCRAM™ Continuous Alcohol Testing Client Information



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1. About Lextox

Lextox Drug & Alcohol Testing is one of the leading specialist hair drug and alcohol testing laboratories. ISO 17025 UKAS Accredited Testing Laboratory (No. 7516), Lextox is trusted by over 12,000 family law solicitors and social workers across the UK.

Lextox is established in the UK, by experts from within the UK industry. Our aim is to provide the most reliable

results, and the most responsive, customer oriented service for family law cases and child care proceedings.

Lextox experts provide analysis and Expert Reports for the courts, solicitors and local authorities involved in family law cases and child care proceedings, within a market leading sample analysis time of 5 working days on average.



2. SCRAM™ Continuous Alcohol Testing

Scientifically proven technology for Continuous Alcohol Testing

- / Continuous Alcohol Testing profiling a day by day pattern of alcohol use – alcohol is automatically tested every 30 minutes of every day during the tested time period
- / The SCRAM bracelet is fitted and removed by a trained Lextox SCRAM Technician – a fitting and removal appointment can be arranged immediately
- / Legal Aid Agency approved
- / Simple pricing – A single set fee for the tested time period
- / Clear and easy to understand reports identifying each alcohol event and instances of tampering obstruction or exposure

2.1. About SCRAM Continuous Alcohol Testing

SCRAM Continuous Alcohol Testing is an innovative method of testing a participants' alcohol consumption over a period of time. The SCRAM bracelet allows for 24/7 alcohol testing through scientifically proven technology and is the first of its kind.

The SCRAM bracelet tests for alcohol which is excreted transdermally (through the skin) every 30 minutes, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is a non-invasive method for the detection of alcohol consumption.

The use of a SCRAM alcohol testing bracelet is to provide information of alcohol consumption subsequent to the bracelet being fitted. The bracelet provides information regarding alcohol consumption every 30 minutes and could therefore be used to ascertain a detailed pattern of

alcohol consumption over a period of time, typically for 30, 60 or 90 days, after fitting the bracelet. It is useful to show periods of sobriety or if an individual is consuming alcohol during periods of contact. Whilst complete abstinence is unable to be confirmed, very low alcohol consumption for example 1-2 units can be determined.

The SCRAM bracelet is able to distinguish the difference between consumed alcohol and external environmental sources such as the use of products containing alcohol. It also contains tamper-proof technology that can detect attempts of tampering or obstruction.

All results are provided to Lextox Drug and Alcohol Testing by Alcohol Monitoring Systems (AMS).

2.2 The Process

- i. A trained Lextox SCRAM Technician will fit the bracelet to the participants' ankle, along with installing the Base Station in their home.
- ii. The bracelet will test the participants' alcohol consumption every 30 minutes through assessing the amount of alcohol that is excreted transdermally (through the skin).
- iii. In order for this data to be securely passed on to Lextox, the participant will need to be in range of the Base Station at least twice a day.
- iv. Lextox experts will then generate monthly reports as standard which will detail the participant's alcohol use, providing a detailed account of the participant's alcohol consumption.
- v. At the end of the process a trained Lextox SCRAM Technician will remove the SCRAM bracelet and Base Station from the participant.

3. UK Wide Fitting and Removal Appointments

3.1 Requirements for Fitting and Removal

The fitting and removal of the SCRAM bracelet can only be undertaken by a trained Lextox SCRAM Technician. We can provide a fitting and removal appointment immediately, please contact your dedicated Client Support Team on 029 20484141 or experts@lextox.co.uk.

Our trained Lextox SCRAM Technician will bring all the necessary equipment with them to the fitting appointment. In order for the fitting to take place efficiently, please ensure that the participant:

- / Is aware of the time and date of the appointment
- / Provides a government issued photo identification of themselves
- / Presents identification (such as a birth certificate for any tested minors for whom they have parental responsibility)

The participant will also:

- / Be photographed
- / Complete a Participant Agreement Form for themselves and any tested minors under their guardianship

In addition, please note that Lextox cannot proceed with the fitting appointment until we are in receipt of the signed Health and Safety declaration given to the Instructing Party at quote stage.

3.2 Cancellations

Please provide us with 24 hours' notice to cancel the bracelet fitting appointment. Any fitting cancelled within 24 hours of the fitting appointment will incur the full cost of the bracelet fitting.

3.3 Re-arranging the fittings

Please inform us at your earliest convenience if the bracelet fitting appointment needs to be re-arranged. A bracelet fitting that is re-arranged the same day as the allocated fitting time may be charged at the full quoted cost.

3.4 Participant failure to be present

If the participant fails to attend the allocated bracelet fitting appointment the full quoted cost of the bracelet fitting will be charged.

In the event that the participant is not present for the allocated bracelet fitting appointment, our Lextox SCRAM Technician reserves the right to wait for 15

minutes from the start time of the appointment before leaving. This is to ensure that our Lextox SCRAM Technician have sufficient time to meet their next scheduled appointment.

3.5 Baseline readings

Please note that if alcohol is detected in the participant's system when the SCRAM bracelet is fitted, it can cause a delay in building an initial baseline reading for the client. This is due to the fact that it will wait for alcohol to be out of their system before we receive a true baseline reading.

This would mean that until we have a 'sober' reading i.e. when the participant has no alcohol in their system, we will not be able to confirm an alcohol drinking event.

4. SCRAM Reports

4.1 Benefits of having a Lextox SCRAM Report

Our SCRAM Report clearly details the testing, the results and an interpretation of those results showing a day by day profile of alcohol consumption, which is useful in identifying specific periods of alcohol use, for example during a period of contact.

The Reports also detail any instances of tampering obstruction and distinguish between consumed alcohol and external environmental alcohol sources. Our Reports are suitable for use as evidence in court and are prepared in accordance with the LAA codified rate.

5. Invoicing

5.1 Quotation

The quotation reflects the cost of the services being split between each party based on the % share that has been agreed to be paid by each party. Your quote details the % share that you are taking responsibility for.

required to accept their quotation detailing their share of the cost of the analysis.

5.2 Authorisation to proceed

Before we can proceed with the testing each party is

5.3 Invoicing

Once the analysis has been completed each party will be invoiced for their respective share. On occasion we may request payment in advance from one or more parties such as private individuals before the Continuous Alcohol Testing can proceed.

5.4 Additional charges

Any additional charges such as (and not limited to) fitting fees in respect of late cancellation of fitting appointments or failure to attend the bracelet fitting appointment by the participant will be split between each party in the % share they are responsible for.

5.5 Analysis requirements

We take direction from the instructing party in relation to the analysis requirements. Amendments to the requested analysis must also come from the instructing party in writing. If the analysis requirements change, and thus the cost for the analysis changes, each party will receive a revised quotation detailing the amended cost.

5.6 Results and Report

The results and the progress of the analysis will only be discussed with the party that has been designated to receive the results and has been detailed in the results address section of the Quotation Request form.

The results will be issued to the results addressee and it is the responsibility of the recipient to distribute the results to other parties. We will only forward on results to other parties after receiving written instruction and authorisation to do so from the instructing party.



6. Lextox Hair Drug and Alcohol Testing



6.1. Lextox Hair Drug Testing

Hair drug testing to determine historic trends of drug use.

- / A hair test can cover from 1 month to 12 months or longer
- / Segmental head hair analysis is useful for showing trends of decreasing drug use. An overview analysis is beneficial when just an indication of drug use is required within a 3 month period.
- / Detection of metabolites (substances produced by the body when a drug is used) to help identify drug usage
- / Laboratory analysis in accordance with the Society of Hair Testing
- / ISO 17025 UKAS Accredited Testing Laboratory (No. 7516) for a wide range of drugs in hair*

* Please refer to our Service Level Agreement for details of our UKAS (United Kingdom Accreditation Service) accreditation.

6.2 Drug Detection List

- / Antidepressants
- / Anti-Epileptics (Pregabalin and Gabapentin)
- / Benzodiazepines (including Diazepam)
- / Buprenorphine
- / Cannabis
- / Cathinone (Khat)
- / Cocaine (including Crack Cocaine)
- / Ecstasy (MDMA)
- / Fentanyl
- / Ketamine
- / LSD
- / Mephedrone (M-Cat)
- / Methadone
- / Methamphetamine (including Amphetamine)
- / Opiates (including Heroin)
- / PCP
- / Pethidine
- / Psychoactive Substances ('Legal Highs')
- / Steroids
- / Spice (Synthetic Cannabinoids)
- / Tramadol
- / Zolpidem (Hypnotic)

6.3. Lextox Hair Alcohol Testing

Hair alcohol testing to help assess chronic excessive alcohol use.



- / Combined testing of Ethyl Palmitate (EtPa) and EtG as standard
- / A 3 or 6 month profile is recommended
- / Laboratory analysis in accordance with the Society of Hair Testing consensus
- / ISO 17025 UKAS Accredited Testing Laboratory (No. 7516) for a wide range of drugs in hair*

6.4. Hair Testing for Psychoactive Substances ('Legal Highs')

Our Laboratory Director, Dr Robert Kingston, has been developing and implementing methods for the detection of substances in hair specifically for family law and child care proceedings for over 12 years. His knowledge and expertise have allowed Lextox to develop the UK's only

hair test for Psychoactive Substances ('Legal Highs') and we are able to detect over 45 psychoactive substances in hair, including synthetic cathinones (bath salts) and spice (synthetic cannabinoids).

Please contact us for more information on 029 2048 4141 or email experts@lextox.co.uk

6.5. Lextox Blood Alcohol Testing

Blood alcohol testing to help in the assessment of recent chronic excessive alcohol consumption – in partnership with an approved laboratory.

- / Carbohydrate Deficient Transferrin (CDT), Liver Function (LF) and Phosphatidylethanol (PEth) testing
- / Help to assess short term excessive alcohol use
- / Recommended to be used in conjunction with hair alcohol testing

7. DNA Relationship Testing

7.1 Relationship Testing Services

We can provide a range of DNA relationship testing services to help verify family relationships;

/ **Maternity and Paternity Testing (Legal and Peace of Mind)**

Testing to verify whether a tested individual is the biological mother or father of a tested child.

/ **Prenatal Testing**

Analysis used to establish the biological father of a tested child prior to birth.

/ **Siblingship Testing**

DNA siblingship testing verifies whether two alleged siblings are biologically related.

/ **Grandparentage Test**

A grandparent DNA test can determine whether a child is biologically related to the alleged grandparents.

/ **Avuncular Testing (Aunt/Uncle)**

A legal aunt-uncle DNA test is taken to determine if a child is the biological niece or nephew of the alleged aunt or uncle.

7.2 Sample Analysis

The DNA paternity and relationship testing is undertaken at Ministry of Justice and ISO 17025 accredited laboratories.

7.3 Results Delivery Time

The DNA test report will usually be issued in 3 working days of receiving the sample. Analysis results for prenatal DNA tests will be provided in 8 working days or less.

Please contact us on 029 2048 4141 or experts@lextox.co.uk for more information.



8. CPD and Training Seminars

Lextox offer CPD seminars to provide an understanding of drug and alcohol testing and how it can be used appropriately in family law cases and child care proceedings.

The seminars can take place at your offices or our UK laboratory and are delivered by our own experts who have the relevant qualifications and experience to competently answer your queries.

Our free CPD seminars cover...

- / The benefits and limitations of hair drug testing and its use in family law
- / Best practice in alcohol testing and its

appropriateness for court

- / Hair growth rates, profile of drug use and the relevance of detecting metabolites
- / DNA Relationship Testing and SCRAM Continuous Alcohol Testing™

They also...

- / Provide an opportunity to seek clarification on specific queries;
- / Can be used as part of your CPD learning activities

To book a free CPD seminar for you and your colleagues, please call us on 029 2048 4141 or email us at experts@lextox.co.uk

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