

Saliva versus Urine : Disadvantages of Urine Drug Testing:

- **Turnaround time:** It can take as much as 3 days to a week for the results of drug and alcohol tests to come back from most labs. The larger the lab, typically the slower the result.
- **Shy bladder:** As many as 2 out of 10 collections are shy bladders and can take as long as 3 hours to collect. This is your company's clock time.
- **Collection site requirements:** If you elect to test your employees for drug and alcohol use, you have to make sure to give them reasonable privacy during the urine sample collection. Employers who do not provide privacy can be sued for invasion of privacy. Check with the Department of Labor (see resources below) for more information on privacy in testing procedures. If you send an employee to a remote collection site for a drug screen you are:
 - Paying them while on the road
 - Taking the liability that they may get hurt or hurt someone else
 - Paying for the cost of collection and the drug test
 - Risking sample substitution or adulteration
- **Adulteration risk:** Adulteration one of the largest issues with urine drug test collection. The adulteration business is a multi-million dollar business, and the incentive for a drug addict to tamper with their sample is significant. Adulteration testing is mandated by the federal government on every urine sample collected for drug testing. The highest forensic drug testing accreditation agency in the U.S., College of American Pathologist (CAP), requires it on every performance testing (PT) sample.
 - Here is a list of some, but not all, common adulterants easily available from the internet, retail stores and head shops:
 - Table Salt
 - Vinegar
 - Bleach
 - Chromate
 - Nitrite
 - Visine
 - Wart Remover
 - Glutaraldehyde
 - Peroxidase (organic)
 - Meat Tenderizer
 - Hand Soap
- **Urine Drug Testing Cost:** The total cost, on average, for urine drug testing collection, shipping, analysis & review can easily exceed: **\$50 dollars** for every collection.
 - Collection Fees: \$15 - \$25
 - Lab Fees: \$15 - \$60
 - MRO Fees: \$5 - \$50
 - Travel time: Average 2 hours: \$15 - \$30





Advantages of Sciteck Clinical's Saliva (Oral Fluid) Drug Testing:

After switching from urine to Sciteck's Saliva (oral fluid) Collection method, an Attorney for one of the largest grocery chains in the U.S. stated,

"We will never go back to urine. We cannot afford the exposure. If we send out an employee for a urine collection and that employee gets into an accident after the collection, while returning from the collection site, we are liable. Additionally, if that employee's drug test comes back as positive for cocaine I don't even want to think about the consequences of that!"

Ease of Collection: The collection takes anywhere from 3 to 7 minutes (including paperwork). It is actually collected right in front of the observer by the collector. The employee is the only one to touch the sample container during collection. The collection is under direct observation and makes adulteration virtually impossible. This also reduces embarrassment and shy bladder issues. No special collection site facilities are required (e.g. his and hers bathrooms).

No Shy Bladders: The saliva collection is not subject to shy bladder conditions that urine collection can present.

Adulteration Deterrent: There is virtually no way to add an adulterant to the saliva during collection in front of an observer.

Cost Savings: There are no collection fees, travel time, or lost work time (collection only takes a few minutes.) This reduces worker's comp and insurance claims and greatly reduces liability and exposure.

Indicates more recent usage: as seen by the Federal Guidelines that oral fluid has a much higher rate of positivity.

All inclusive, one fee collection package:

- Collection Device
- All necessary form for chain of custody (CCF) and collection
- FedEx® Shipping supplies and labels
- Screening and confirmation by GC/MS (the industry standard)
- 24 hour turnaround on all screening
- 24 – 48 hour average turnaround for confirmation by GCMS
- On-Line results, Random pulls, Customer Support and Training

For more information on saliva (oral fluid) drug testing and benefits, feel free to contact us at Sciteck. We look forward to hearing from you. We are number one in the drug testing industry for customer support. Just ask our customers.