

NEWCOMERS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

AND ANSWERS

1. When can I expect to be drug tested?

A: You are subject to a Military drug test any time you are on orders, to include but not limited to IDT Drill weekends, Annual Training (AT), Schools, Title 32 State Active Duty, and Title 10 Active Duty. There is no limit to how many times you can be tested each year.

2. What type of drug test does the Military use?

A: The Military uses a GCMS test. All specimens that are collected during the drug test are sent to a Lab run by the Air Force. Each specimen that is reported to the JSAP office as being positive has been tested three times to confirm that it is positive. The test detects the metabolites in your body and gives a nanogram account of how much of the drug is in your system at the time of the test.

3. Does the Military test for prescription drugs?

A: Yes, the Military tests for prescription drugs. It is illegal to take a prescription drug that is not prescribed to you. If you are on a medication that shows up on a test you will be notified by the JSAP office and given an appointment to provide all necessary documentation. You will have to provide them with a copy of the prescription for that drug and it must be a current script that covers the test date. JSAP will send the script along with the positive result to the Medical Review Officer (MRO) to determine if there is a legitimate use. If no legitimate use is determined it will be treated as an illegal drug positive.

4. How will I know if I have a positive result?

A: You and your Commander will be notified by certified mail of any positive drug test for prescription drugs. Only your Commander will be notified of any illegal drug positives. He will then notify and counsel you at that time, explaining the steps that you must take to get an assessment and treatment.

5. How can I Self Refer for a substance abuse problem?

A: Self Referring is the most preferred method of identification for substance abuse issues. You can self refer to your Commander or someone in your chain of command, you can call the JSAP office, and you can talk to a Chaplain. You cannot self refer after your Unit Commander has ordered a drug test for that day.

6. Can I get help for a substance abuse problem through the military?

A: Yes, the National Guard has Prevention Coordinators (PC) that are able to help find Service Members treatment for various types of SA problems. They can also help with non SA problems such as financial, family, sexual assault, suicide, etc.