



10 easy steps to obtain a

LEGAL BLOOD ALCOHOL TEST



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Police **identify** potentially intoxicated driver at crash scene

If breath sample cannot be provided, police **obtain** warrant for blood collection and **accompany** driver to hospital

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On hospital arrival, police **inform** medical staff that the driver is under arrest and request blood sample kit

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Officer and Physician **inspect** kit to ensure it is sealed, not expired, and suitable for use

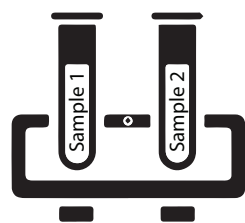


Kit includes:

- 2 labels (1 for each vial)
- Iodine swab
- Bag

- Small box with 2 empty vials & phlebotomy equipment
- 2 integrity seals (for small box and blood sample kit)

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Physician **collects** 2 vials of blood and **marks** them as "Sample 1" and "Sample 2"

They **write** their name, patient name, date and time on each vial

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Physician **writes** their name, patient name, date and time on a label for each vial

They affix label **over the top** of each vial so as not to obscure the existing labelling on the side of the vial

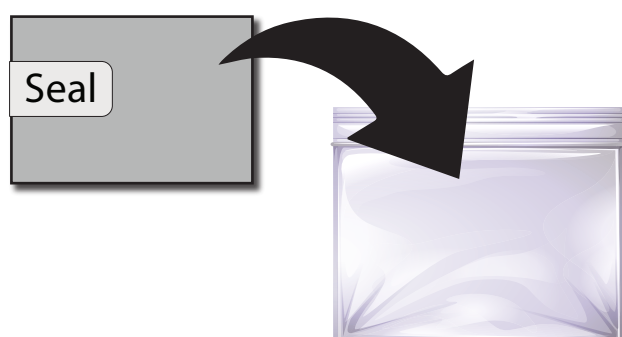
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Physician **puts** the 2 blood samples into the small box

The box has a "Police Officer's Report" on one side which is **filled out** by the Officer who attends

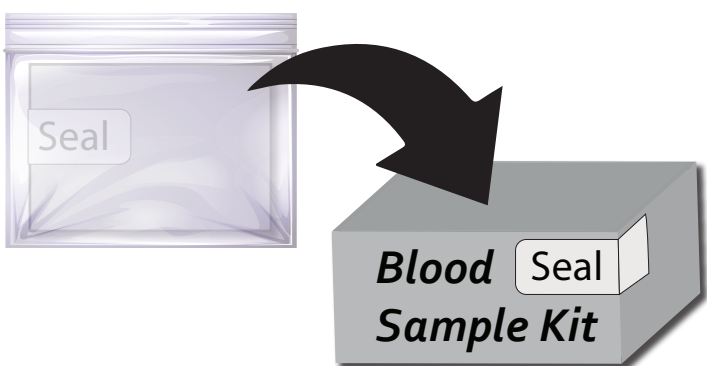
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Physician or Police Officer:

- **Seals** small box with integrity seal
- **Writes** their name and date on seal
- **Places** box in the bag provided

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Physician or Police Officer:

- **Places** bag in blood sample kit
- **Seals** box with an integrity seal
- **Writes** their name and date on seal

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Physician and Police Officer:

- **Complete** certificate of qualified practitioner form

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Police Officer:

- **Serves** accused prior to release
- **Brings** blood samples to police department

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