

TOXICOLOGY**Approximate duration of detectability of selected drugs in urine¹**

Substance	Duration of Detectability
Amphetamines	48 hours
Methamphetamine	48 hours
Barbiturates	
Short-acting	24 hours
Intermediate-acting	48-72 hours
Long-acting	7 days or more
Benzodiazepines	3 days (therapeutic dose)
ultra-short-acting (half-life 2hrs)	12 hours
(e.g. Midazolam)– short-acting (half-life 2–6hrs) (e.g. Triazolam)	24hrs
– intermediate-acting (half-life 6–24hrs) (e.g. Temazepam/Chlordiazepoxide)	40–80hrs
– long-acting (half-life 24hrs) (e.g. Diazepam/Nitrazepam)	7 days
Cocaine Metabolites	2–3 days
Methadone (maintenance dosing)	7–9 days (approximate)
Codeine/Morphine/Propoxyphene (Heroin is detected in urine as the metabolite morphine)	48 hours
Norpropoxyphene	6–48 hours
Cannabinoids (Marijuana)	
– single use	3 days
– moderate use (4 times per week)	4 days
– heavy use (daily)	10 days
– chronic heavy use	21–27 days
Methaqualone	7 days or more
Phencyclidine (PCP)	8 days (approximate)