

Title:	Breathalyser	
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SOUTH WALES POLICE MISSION & VISION:		
<p>KEEPING SOUTH WALES SAFE</p> <p>TO BE THE BEST AT UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO OUR COMMUNITIES' NEEDS</p>		
SOUTH WALES POLICE PROCEDURE OBJECTIVE:		
<p>The aim of this procedure is to ensure that our responses to incidents involving suspect drink drivers is lawful, consistent, reasonable and proportionate and are designed to assist police in deciding if further action should be taken.</p> <p>The objectives and aims of this procedure are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce the number of serious and fatal road traffic incidents • To educate the local communities to support road safety initiatives 		
PROCEDURE:		
<p>All officers who carry out breath/alcohol screening tests MUST have had appropriate training from their divisional point of contact and must only use the approved device, namely the LION Alcometer 500B.</p> <p>When undertaking a screening test:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The requesting officer MUST be in uniform, apart from road traffic collisions whereby a plain clothes officer can undertake the test. This fact is to be included in evidence. • The operator MUST follow the training that has been given for using the device • All data must be inputted into the device, <u>including</u> data after the test is completed. • Under NO circumstances should the operator omit the ethnicity step. • Following a positive screening test or a failure to provide a screening test, the person should be arrested and conveyed to a police station. <p>There are two reasons to delay a screening test:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a person claims to have been drinking in the last 20 minutes, the test may be delayed until this time period has expired. • If the driver is smoking he must stop and a delay of 2 minutes prior to a screening test needs to be administered. A refusal to stop smoking will be treated as a failure to provide a specimen. <p>The operator is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring the device is calibrated at intervals no more than 35 days apart • Downloading all data at regular intervals (a 5 day warning is given) • Informing any errors with the device and return damaged or non-functioning devices to their SPOC, via their line manager. • Recording any error in input within their pocket book. • Reporting any loss of device to their line manager and SPOC, immediately. 		

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