



## Red Rose Transit Authority & Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1241

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# Drug and Alcohol Policy

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## I. Purpose of Policy

This policy complies with 49 CFR Part 655, as amended and 49 CFR Part 40, as amended. Copies of Parts 655 and 40 are available in the drug and alcohol program manager's office and can be found on the internet at the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Drug and Alcohol Program website <http://transit-safety.fta.dot.gov/DrugAndAlcohol/>. *Recognizing the importance of providing safe public transit service for the citizens of Lancaster City and County and a safe work place for its employees, the Red Rose Transit Authority, herein referred to as "Authority" and the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1241, herein referred to as "Union", have jointly developed a policy to achieve an alcohol and drug free workplace. It is important to note that each employee has a responsibility to fully inform his or her doctor, dentist or other medical treatment professional, of the requirements of the employee's occupation and to determine in advance whether or not a prescribed medicine or treatment will have any effect on his or her ability to perform their job function. It is understood that violations of this policy shall be the basis for discipline as described herein. To the extent possible, the Authority will comply with any request for Union representation by any Union member that is notified for a drug and/or alcohol test, but with the understanding that such notification shall not delay the employee in immediately reporting for the test.*

All covered employees are required to submit to drug and alcohol tests as a condition of employment in accordance with 49 CFR Part 655.

Portions of this policy are not FTA-mandated, but reflect Red Rose Transit Authority's policy. These additional provisions are identified by **bold text**.

In addition, DOT has published 49 CFR Part 29, implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, which requires the establishment of drug-free workplace policies and the reporting of certain drug-related offenses to the FTA.

**All Red Rose Transit Authority employees are subject to the provisions of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988.**

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the covered workplace. An employee who is convicted of any criminal drug statute for a violation occurring in the workplace shall notify *Gregory Downing, Director of Operations* no later than five days after such conviction.

## 2. Covered Employees

This policy applies to every person, including an applicant or transferee, who performs or will perform a "safety-sensitive function" as defined in Part 655, section 655.4.

You are a covered employee if you perform any of the following:

- Operating a revenue service vehicle, in or out of revenue service
- Operating a non-revenue vehicle requiring a commercial driver's license

- Controlling movement or dispatch of a revenue service vehicle
- Maintaining (including repairs, overhaul and rebuilding) of a revenue service vehicle or equipment used in revenue service
- Carrying a firearm for security purposes

See Attachment A for a list of covered positions by job title.

### 3. Prohibited Behavior

Use of illegal drugs is prohibited at all times. All covered employees are prohibited from reporting for duty or remaining on duty any time there is a quantifiable presence of a prohibited drug in the body above the minimum thresholds defined in Part 40. Prohibited drugs include:

- marijuana
- cocaine
- phencyclidine (PCP)
- opiates
- amphetamines

All covered employees are prohibited from performing or continuing to perform safety-sensitive functions while having an alcohol concentration of 0.04 or greater.

All covered employees are prohibited from consuming alcohol while performing safety-sensitive job functions or while on-call to perform safety-sensitive job functions. If an on-call employee has consumed alcohol, they must acknowledge the use of alcohol at the time that they are called to report for duty. If the on-call employee claims the ability to perform his or her safety-sensitive function, he or she must take an alcohol test with a result of 0.02 prior to performance.

All covered employees are prohibited from consuming alcohol within four (4) hours prior to the performance of safety-sensitive job functions.

All covered employees are prohibited from consuming alcohol for eight (8) hours following involvement in an accident or until he or she submits to the post-accident drug and alcohol test, whichever occurs first.

### 4. Consequences for Violations

Following a positive drug or alcohol (BAC at or above 0.04) test result or test refusal, the employee will be immediately removed from safety-sensitive duty and referred to a Substance Abuse Professional.

Following a BAC of 0.02 or greater, but less than 0.04, the employee will be immediately removed from safety-sensitive duties for at least eight hours, *plus face disciplinary action*, unless a retest results in the employee's alcohol concentration being less than 0.02. *Any employee that test between 0.02 and 0.039 shall be referred to a Substance Abuse Professional (SAP) as described in this Policy for the*

*purpose of evaluation in regard to having a problem with alcohol misuse and/or abuse. The employee shall be subject to a return-to-work agreement that will include return-to-work testing and follow-up testing as recommended by the SAP.*

## Zero Tolerance

Per Red Rose Transit Authority policy, any employee who tests positive for drugs or alcohol (BAC at or above 0.04) or refuses to test will be referred to a Substance Abuse Professional (SAP) **and terminated from employment.**

## 5. Circumstances for Testing

### Pre-Employment Testing

Pre-employment alcohol tests are conducted after making a contingent offer of employment or transfer. All pre-employment alcohol tests will be conducted using the procedures set forth in 49 CFR Part 40.

A negative pre-employment drug test result is required before an employee can first perform safety-sensitive functions. If a pre-employment test is cancelled, the individual will be required to undergo another test and successfully pass with a verified negative result before performing safety-sensitive functions.

If a covered employee has not performed a safety-sensitive function for 90 or more consecutive calendar days, and has not been in the random testing pool during that time, the employee must take and pass a pre-employment test before he or she can return to a safety-sensitive function.

A covered employee or applicant who has previously failed or refused a DOT pre-employment drug and/or alcohol test must provide proof of having successfully completed a referral, evaluation, and treatment plan meeting DOT requirements.

### Reasonable Suspicion Testing

All covered employees shall be subject to a drug and/or alcohol test when Red Rose Transit Authority has reasonable suspicion to believe that the covered employee has used a prohibited drug and/or engaged in alcohol misuse. A reasonable suspicion referral for testing will be made by a trained supervisor or other trained company official on the basis of specific, contemporaneous, articulable observations concerning the appearance, behavior, speech, or body odors of the covered employee.

Covered employees may be subject to reasonable suspicion drug testing any time while on duty. Covered employees may be subject to reasonable suspicion alcohol testing while the employee is performing safety-sensitive functions, just before the employee is to perform safety-sensitive functions, or just after the employee has ceased performing such functions.

*The Authority shall make a good faith effort to allow the employee being ordered to submit to the test, if a member of the Union, the opportunity to consult with a Union representative before submitting to the test; provided, however, that the failure of a Union representative to be present within twenty (20) minutes after notification to the Union in accordance with the procedure set forth below shall in no way affect the requirement of submission to the test if any of the conditions set forth above have been met. Any member of the Union that requests to consult with a Union representative must sign a release from confidentiality before the Union representative is contacted. The Authority will make every reasonable attempt to contact a Union representative after the release is signed by the employee, in the event that the union cannot be contacted immediately, voice mail notice will be left with the union and the testing will proceed immediately. But it is understood that the refusal by an employee to submit to a test without Union representation will result in discipline up to and including discharge. Union representatives may not challenge the reasonable suspicion determination.*

## Post-Accident Testing

Covered employees shall be subject to post-accident drug and alcohol testing under the following circumstances:

### Fatal Accidents

As soon as practicable following an accident involving the loss of a human life, drug and alcohol tests will be conducted on each surviving covered employee operating the public transportation vehicle at the time of the accident. In addition, any other covered employee whose performance could have contributed to the accident, as determined by Red Rose Transit Authority using the best information available at the time of the decision, will be tested.

### Non-fatal Accidents

As soon as practicable following an accident not involving the loss of a human life, drug and alcohol tests will be conducted on each covered employee operating the public transportation vehicle at the time of the accident if at least one of the following conditions is met:

- (1) The accident results in injuries requiring immediate medical treatment away from the scene, unless the covered employee can be completely discounted as a contributing factor to the accident
- (2) One or more vehicles incurs disabling damage and must be towed away from the scene, unless the covered employee can be completely discounted as a contributing factor to the accident
- (3) The vehicle is a rail car, trolley car or bus, or vessel, and is removed from operation, unless the covered employee can be completely discounted as a contributing factor to the accident

In addition, any other covered employee whose performance could have contributed to the accident, as determined by Red Rose Transit Authority using the best information available at the time of the decision, will be tested.

A covered employee subject to post-accident testing must remain readily available, or it is considered a refusal to test. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the delay of necessary medical attention for the injured following an accident or to prohibit a covered employee from leaving the scene of an accident for the period necessary to obtain assistance in responding to the accident or to obtain necessary emergency medical care.

*At the discretion of the Authority, an employee may be permitted to perform light duty pending test results and shall be reimbursed for any lost time.*

## Random Testing

Random drug and alcohol tests are unannounced and unpredictable, and the dates for administering random tests are spread reasonably throughout the calendar year. Random testing will be conducted at all times of the day when safety-sensitive functions are performed.

Testing rates will meet or exceed the minimum annual percentage rate set each year by the FTA administrator. The current year testing rates can be viewed online at [www.transportation.gov/odapc/random-testing-rates](http://www.transportation.gov/odapc/random-testing-rates).

The selection of employees for random drug and alcohol testing will be made by a scientifically valid method, such as a random number table or a computer-based random number generator. Under the selection process used, each covered employee will have an equal chance of being tested each time selections are made.

A covered employee will only be randomly tested for alcohol misuse while the employee is performing safety-sensitive functions, just before the employee is to perform safety-sensitive functions, or just after the employee has ceased performing such functions. A covered employee may be randomly tested for prohibited drug use anytime while on duty.

Each covered employee who is notified of selection for random drug or random alcohol testing must immediately proceed to the designated testing site.

## Random Testing – End of Shift

Random testing may occur anytime an employee is on duty so long as the employee is notified prior to the end of the shift. Employees who provide advance, verifiable notice of scheduled medical or child care commitments will be random drug tested no later than three hours before the end of their shift and random alcohol tested no later than 30 minutes before the end of their shift. Verifiable documentation of a previously scheduled medical or child care commitment, for the period immediately following an employee's shift, must be provided at least *60 minutes* before the end of the shift.

## 6. Testing Procedures

All FTA drug and alcohol testing will be conducted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 40, as amended.

### Dilute Urine Specimen

**If there is a negative dilute test result, Red Rose Transit Authority will order a retest**, unless the creatinine concentration of a negative dilute specimen was greater than or equal to 2 mg/dL, but less than or equal to 5 mg/dL.

Dilute negative results with a creatinine level greater than or equal to 2 mg/dL but less than or equal to 5 mg/dL require an immediate recollection under direct observation (see 49 CFR Part 40, section 40.67).

### Split Specimen Test

In the event of a verified positive test result, or a verified adulterated or substituted result, the employee can request that the split specimen be tested at a second laboratory *and the employee shall reimburse the Authority for this test*. Red Rose Transit Authority guarantees that the split specimen test will be conducted in a timely fashion. *If the retest results in the employee passing the drug test (a negative result), the Authority shall reimburse any costs related to the retest paid by the employee and for any lost time.*

## 7. Test Refusals

As a covered employee, you have refused to test if you:

- (1) Fail to appear for any test (except a pre-employment test) within a reasonable time, as determined by Red Rose Transit Authority. *The Authority shall immediately attempt to contact the Union and the employee to determine the reason for failing to appear.*
- (2) Fail to remain at the testing site until the testing process is complete. An employee who leaves the testing site before the testing process commences for a pre-employment test has not refused to test.
- (3) Fail to attempt to provide a breath or urine specimen. An employee who does not provide a urine or breath specimen because he or she has left the testing site before the testing process commenced for a pre-employment test has not refused to test.
- (4) In the case of a directly-observed or monitored urine drug collection, fail to permit monitoring or observation of your provision of a specimen.
- (5) Fail to provide a sufficient quantity of urine or breath without a valid medical explanation.
- (6) Fail or decline to take a second test as directed by the collector or Red Rose Transit Authority for drug testing.
- (7) Fail to undergo a medical evaluation as required by the MRO or Red Rose Transit Authority's Designated Employer Representative (DER).
- (8) Fail to cooperate with any part of the testing process.

- (9) Fail to follow an observer's instructions to raise and lower clothing and turn around during a directly-observed test.
- (10) Possess or wear a prosthetic or other device used to tamper with the collection process.
- (11) Admit to the adulteration or substitution of a specimen to the collector or MRO.
- (12) Refuse to sign the certification at Step 2 of the Alcohol Testing Form (ATF).
- (13) Fail to remain readily available following an accident.

As a covered employee, if the MRO reports that you have a verified adulterated or substituted test result, you have refused to take a drug test.

As a covered employee, if you refuse to take a drug and/or alcohol test, you incur the same consequences as testing positive and will be immediately removed from performing safety-sensitive functions, and referred to a SAP.

## 8. Voluntary Self-Referral

**Any employee who has a drug and/or alcohol abuse problem and has not been selected for reasonable suspicion, random or post-accident testing or has not refused a drug or alcohol test may voluntarily refer her or himself to *Gregory Downing, Director of Operations* who will refer the individual to a substance abuse counselor for evaluation and treatment.**

**The substance abuse counselor will evaluate the employee and make a specific recommendation regarding the appropriate treatment. Employees are encouraged to voluntarily seek professional substance abuse assistance before any substance use or dependence affects job performance.**

**Any safety-sensitive employee who admits to a drug and/or alcohol problem will immediately be removed from his/her safety-sensitive function and will not be allowed to perform such function until successful completion of a prescribed rehabilitation program. *The employee must agree to a "Return to Work" agreement and be subject to follow up testing.***

## 9. Prescription Drug Use

**The appropriate use of legally prescribed drugs and non-prescription medications is not prohibited. However, the use of any substance which carries a warning label that indicates that mental functioning, motor skills, or judgment may be adversely affected must be reported to *Gregory Downing, Director of Operations*. Medical advice should be sought, as appropriate, while taking such medication and before performing safety-sensitive duties.**

## 10. Contact Person

For questions about Red Rose Transit Authority’s anti-drug and alcohol misuse program, contact *either Lisa Marion, Manager of Safety & Training or Gregory Downing, Director of Operations, SCTA Lancaster Office, 45 Erick Road, Lancaster, PA.*

## Attachment A: Covered Positions

RRTA Bus Operators

RRTA Mechanics

RRTA Utility Position