

## Alcohol Testing News

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### DUI Laws in other countries

#### United Kingdom - Penalties are severe

The DUI limit is .08 BAC

First offense: requires, minimum:

- ❖ A 12-month driving ban
- ❖ A fine of up to \$9,500 (£5,000)
- ❖ Up to 6 months in prison

A DUI offense remains on an individual's license for 11 years

The penalty for refusing to provide a breath sample is very similar to that of a DUI conviction, including a 12-month driving suspension, imprisonment and hefty fines.

Causing death while under the influence results in a **minimum 2-year driving ban**, a maximum sentence of **14-years in prison**, and a requirement to pass an extended driving test before the offender is able to drive legally again

## SAMHSA

### Government Issues Advisory Warning

#### Use only proven and reliable technologies in alcohol testing

The U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) recently issued an advisory warning on a new urine-alcohol test. The test at issue screens for ethyl glucuronide (EtG), a byproduct created when the body metabolizes alcohol. This test is touted as being able to prove that an individual has drunk alcohol in the past 48 to 72 hours.

A recent Wall Street Journal article reported that this test is so sensitive, that it shows a positive from a variety of household items including hand sanitizer and vanilla extract. As a result, positive tests using this technology can be misleading and damaging to individuals who may be completely innocent of any alcohol use or abuse. The article also reports that no large-scale trials have been conducted or published by the drug and alcohol testing industry.

This SAMHSA advisory cautions "an EtG positive result should not be used as sole evidence in the legal or disciplinary context."

It is imperative to utilize proven and accurate testing products, particularly in situations where positive results can have legal or disciplinary consequences. Lifeloc Breath Alcohol Testers are fuel cell based, a widely used, accurate, and thoroughly proven technology that is virtually the only accepted type of sensor used in portable testers that are relied upon in professional and police use. Fuel cell devices have withstood years of testing and approvals by many government agencies, and are proven to be accurate, reliable, and specific only to alcohol.

For more on the information this article is based please see the following link:  
<http://www.drugpolicy.org/news/110206alcohol.cfm>

For the original August 6, 2006 Wall Street Journal Article "A Test for Alcohol - And It's Flaws": [http://online.wsj.com/article\\_email/SB115534928148134109-1MyQjAxMDE2NTE1MjMxNDI5Wj.html](http://online.wsj.com/article_email/SB115534928148134109-1MyQjAxMDE2NTE1MjMxNDI5Wj.html)

## DID YOU KNOW?

Use of dry gas calibration standards is rapidly becoming the preferred method in many cases, overtaking the more traditional use of wet bath calibration. States are increasingly adopting this more convenient and portable method, which is less cumbersome and can be more cost efficient, and DOT testing entities prefer dry gas by a wide margin.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Lifeloc is hiring!

Please see our website [www.lifeloc.com](http://www.lifeloc.com) for details on several excellent career opportunities at our corporate headquarters in Denver, Colorado.

## Supplies

Lifeloc has announced new volume incentives for customers ordering alcohol testing supplies, combined with a new, simplified and very user-friendly Return and Refund policy. As always, Lifeloc stands out by having no minimum order requirement, making it easy for those customers who have an emergency need or just don't have time to compile a larger order.



### Special Volume Pricing for Supplies Orders

Orders for all Alcohol Testing Supplies are eligible for a special volume pricing, as follows:

Orders over \$250. – 5% discount

Orders over \$500. – 5% discount plus free freight

Above freight offer is for domestic ground shipments only; excludes HAZMAT fees. Current offer expires 12/31/06

Ordering from Lifeloc is easy either by phone, fax, or internet. Lifeloc's website groups supplies both by category as well as the PBT model you own, making ordering quick and easy to understand. Lifeloc's new EasyCal kits are proving to be popular, and can be combined on one order with any other supplies, including mouthpieces, forms, and the complete supply of complementary calibration standards and equipment, thus making it easier to take advantage of cost and freight savings.

## Lifeloc Introduces FC Series Instrument Recertification Program



Lifeloc's new Instrument Recertification Program is an easy and very affordable way to keep your FC Series breath alcohol testers in new condition, and at the same time provide documentation to support the integrity of your program.

*With one simple step you get like-new performance while adding the latest look, newest features and a renewed one-year factory warranty! You virtually have a new unit when you receive it back.*

Below is a just partial list of the benefits you receive:

- Upgrade your older gray case unit with a new pewter and black "soft-touch" case
- New, latest design electronic pump
- Upgrade software to latest version, incorporating all the new features and functionality

- Perform a complete Factory Diagnostic Check, ensuring the unit meets stringent factory requirements. This includes any needed repairs and adjustments at no extra cost (fuel cell excluded)
- Comprehensive fuel cell evaluation
- Issuance of a Recertification Certificate for your records
- Provide a one-year factory warranty from date of recertification

The total fee for this comprehensive service and product upgrade is only \$189.00. Call today to schedule your recertification, or click [www.lifeloc.com](http://www.lifeloc.com) for more information.

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