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Policy & Procedure Review
Update your written drug testing policy to reflect the latest federal and state laws.
Clearly outline procedures, including when and how testing will occur (e.g., pre-employment, post-accident, reasonable suspicion).
Communicate your policy clearly and regularly to all employees (new hires, annual refreshers, etc.).
Federal Regulations Check
Verify alignment with DOT's 2024 rule permitting oral fluid testing, if necessary.
Incorporate SAMHSA's updated mandatory guidelines (effective July 7, 2025) that include fentanyl and norfentanyl testing. (Federal Employers Only)
Ocument your compliance steps to satisfy federal recordkeeping requirements, if necessary.
State-Specific Compliance
Review cannabis regulations for every state in which your employees work (including remote workers).
Ensure your drug screening policies reflect each state's laws on cannabis use and related substances (e.g., THC thresholds, medical cannabis exceptions).
Selection of Testing Materials
Evaluate the effectiveness/legality of your current testing methods (urine, oral fluid, hair).
Consider integrating oral fluid testing, especially for situations needing immediate detection (e.g. safety-sensitive positions).
Ensure your chosen method(s) align with DOT/Federal guidelines, if applicable.





Training & Documentation
Train supervisors and managers on recognizing impairment and correctly implementing your drug screening policy.
Provide refresher training annually and document training attendance.
Keep comprehensive records of all tests conducted, ensuring confidentiality and compliance with privacy laws.
Technology Integration & Automation
Leverage a reliable digital platform (e.g., BlueHive) to automate scheduling, tracking results, and reporting compliance data.
Integrate with your existing HR software to streamline documentation and minimize errors
Regularly audit your tech systems to ensure compliance with data protection regulations (HIPAA, etc.).
Employee Wellness & Support
Link your drug screening policies with supportive programs, such as Employee Assistance Programs (EAPs) or counseling services.
Clearly communicate that your drug policy is designed to support, not penalize, employees who seek help.
Encourage an open dialogue around substance abuse and mental health issues to reduce stigma and foster a supportive workplace culture.
Audit & Review
Conduct a quarterly audit of your drug screening practices for compliance gaps.
Schedule an annual comprehensive review of policies, procedures, and results.
Adjust policies promptly as new regulations emerge or business needs evolve.

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