

# Express Service...

## *Next-day appointments & next-day results*



**S**tudies have shown that employees under the influence of drugs and alcohol at work are a staggering 4 times more likely to have an accident than their colleagues. Performance is inevitably affected, as the use of drugs and alcohol causes delayed reactions, impaired perception and poor decision making. Such behaviour not only puts the individual employee at risk, but additionally their colleagues and potentially the general public. For those operating heavy machinery or driving a vehicle, such 'mistakes' and 'misjudgments' can be lethal.

The 1974 Health and Safety at Work Act places a duty on the employer to ensure safety in the workplace. For those operating in safety critical environments, having a robust drugs and alcohol policy and testing regime is crucial to this responsibility. Drugs and alcohol screening is very well regulated within the rail

industry, with clear standards governing the circumstances in which to test.

Express Medicals is a well-known provider of drugs and alcohol testing within the rail sector. Carrying out thousands of sample collections every month, their staff are well versed in both Network Rail and London Underground policy and testing protocols. Express Medicals has witnessed a clear contrast in test failure rates within the rail industry compared to other sectors

where testing is not commonplace. This clearly demonstrates the effectiveness of a well established and stringent programme of screening.

In addition to testing, Express Medicals offers a whole range of related services including a 24-hour medication advice line, policy advice and educational sessions. Rehabilitation programmes and specialist counselling can also be co-ordinated.

Express Medicals also provides a 24/7 UK-wide 'For Cause' testing service. On calling the hotline, a sample collection officer is immediately dispatched and will arrive on-site within a max of two hours. Samples are sent for urgent analysis and negative results are notified to clients the next working day.

Express Medicals recognises the

importance of technical excellence for sample analysis and work with LGC Forensics, to provide 100 per cent legally defensible results. A client-focused attitude remains a core focus. Appreciating that time costs money, Express Medicals minimises delay by offering both next-day appointments and next-day (fastrack) results. With a total of ten

regional clinics throughout the UK plus an on-site collection service, no location is too far. ■

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