

Police adopt Rapid Oral Fluid Test to combat drug driving

Police will adopt Rapid Oral Fluid Test (ROFT) as a preliminary on-site test on persons who are suspected of drug driving starting from February 19, 2021 to enhance the efficiency of anti-drug driving enforcement and road safety.

The ROFT instrument "DrugWipe®6S" to be adopted by the Police can detect whether a driver's oral fluid contains specified illicit drugs, namely heroin, ketamine, MDMA, cannabis, cocaine and methamphetamine. A small amount of oral fluid will be collected from the driver and the analysis result can be obtained in about eight to 10 minutes. Failing the test, the driver will be required to provide blood and/or urine samples for laboratory testing to determine whether the driver is driving after taking drugs.

Under the Road Traffic Ordinance, driving under the influence of drugs or refusing to perform a ROFT is a criminal offence. Offenders will be liable to a maximum fine of \$25,000, three years' imprisonment and disqualification from driving upon conviction.