

STANDARDIZED FIELD SOBRIETY TESTING



FIELD NOTES

Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Instructions:

1. Are you wearing contacts? (Have suspect remove glasses if any)
2. Place your feet together and your arms down by your sides.
3. I am going to check your eyes.
4. Keep your head still.
5. Follow this stimulus with your eyes only.
6. Keep focusing on the stimulus until I tell you to stop?
7. Do you understand?

Walk and Turn Instructions:

1. Put your left foot on the line and your right foot in front of it so you are touching heel-to-toe. Keep your hands at your side. (Demonstrate)
2. Remain in this position and do not begin until I tell you to.
3. Do you understand?
4. When I tell you to begin, take 9 heel-to-toe steps on the line, turn around, and take 9 more heel-to-toe steps. (Demonstrate)
5. When you reach 9, keep your front foot on the line and turn around by taking a series of small steps with the other foot. (Demonstrate)
6. Watch your feet at all times while walking.
7. Count each step out loud.
8. Keep your arms by your sides.
9. Once you begin, don't stop until you have finished.
10. Do you understand?

One Leg Stand Instructions:

1. Stand with you feet together and arms down by your side. (Demonstrate)
2. Do not begin the test until I tell you to.
3. Do you understand?
4. When I tell you to, raise one leg approximately six inches off of the ground with your toes pointed out in front of you and count out loud in the following manner, 1001, 1002, 1003, and so forth until I tell you to stop. (Demonstrate)
5. At all times, keep both legs straight, arms by your sides, and look at the elevated foot.
6. Do you understand the instructions?
7. You may begin. (Time for 30 seconds)

NHTSA DUI Detection Guide

Weaving plus any other cue: $p=$ at least .65

Any two cues: $p=$ at least .50

Problems Maintaining Proper Lane Position $p=$.50-.75

- Weaving, weaving across lanes
- Straddling a lane line, swerving
- Turning with a wide radius, drifting
- Almost striking a vehicle or other object

Speed and Braking Problems $p=$.45-.70

- Stopping problems (too far, too short, or too jerky)
- Accelerating or decelerating for no apparent reason
- Varying speed, slow speed (10 + mph under limit)

Vigilance problems**p= .55-.65**

- Driving in opposing lanes or wrong way on one-way
- Slow response to traffic signals
- Slow or failure to respond to officer's signals
- Stopping in lane for no apparent reason
- Driving without headlights at night*
- Failure to signal or signal inconsistent with action*

Judgment Problems**p= .35-.90**

- Following too closely
- Improper or unsafe lane change
- Illegal or improper turn (too fast, jerky, sharp, etc)
- Driving on other than the designated roadway
- Stopping inappropriately in response to officer
- Inappropriate or unusual behavior (throwing, arguing, etc)
- Appearing to be impaired

Post Stop Cues**p ≥ .85**

- Difficulty with motor vehicle controls
- Difficulty exiting the vehicle
- Fumbling with driver's license or registration
- Repeating questions or comments
- Swaying, unsteady, or balance problems
- Leaning on the vehicle or other object
- Slurred speech
- Slow to respond to officer/ officer must repeat
- Provides incorrect information, changes answers
- Odor of alcoholic beverage from the driver

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- P ≥ .50 when combined with any other cue:
 - Driving without headlights at night
 - Failure to signal or signal inconsistent with action

Case No. _____

Last Name _____

Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Test:

Equal Tracking _____ Equal Pupil Size _____

Lack of smooth pursuit: L _____ R _____

Distinct & Sustained Nystagmus at
Maximum Deviation: L _____ R _____

Onset of nystagmus prior to 45 degrees. L _____ R _____

Number of Clues: _____

Vertical Nystagmus Test:

Yes _____ No _____

Walk and Turn Test:

_____ Cannot balance during instructions.

_____ Starts too soon.

_____ Stops while walking.

_____ Misses heel-to-toe.

_____ Steps off the line.

_____ Uses arms to balance.

_____ Improper turn.

_____ Incorrect number of steps.

Number of Clues: _____

Motorcycle DWI Detection Guide

NHTSA has found that the following cues predicted impaired motorcycle operation.

Excellent Cues (50% or greater probability)

- Drifting during turn or curve
- Trouble with dismount
- Trouble with balance at a stop
- Turning problems (e.g., unsteady, sudden corrections, late braking, improper lean angle)
- Inattentive to surroundings
- Inappropriate or unusual behavior (e.g., carrying or dropping object, urinating at roadside, disorderly conduct, etc.)
- Weaving

Good Cues (30 to 50% probability)

- Erratic movements while going straight
- Operating without lights at night
- Recklessness
- Following too closely
- Running stop light or sign
- Evasion
- Wrong way



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