

## Alcohol Testing Kits

### Links to applicable regulations

[46 CFR 4.06-3 – Chemical testing requirements](#)  
[Coast Guard info pamphlet](#)

### Checklist for this item

	Alcohol testing kits are required on board vessels that operate more than 2 hours from a location that has an alcohol testing facility.
	Alcohol testing is required within 2 hours for all crew if the vessel is involved in a serious marine incident (see definition below).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It is the vessel master or operator's responsibility to ensure the testing is completed within the time specified.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Most alcohol testing kits do not require the collector to be trained.</li></ul>
	Mandatory drug testing is also required within 32 hours. If the vessel operates where they cannot meet this requirement. The vessel is required to carry drug testing kits.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Most drug testing kits require the collector to be trained.</li></ul>
	Serious Marine Incident
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One or more deaths;</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An injury to a crewmember, passenger, or other person which requires professional medical treatment beyond first aid, and, in the case of a person employed on board a vessel in commercial service, which renders the individual unfit to perform routine vessel duties;</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Damage to property in excess of \$100,000;</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Actual or constructive total loss of any vessel subject to inspection;</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Actual or constructive total loss of any self-propelled vessel, not subject to inspection, of 100 gross tons or more;</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A discharge of oil of 10,000 gallons or more into the navigable waters of the United States; or</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A discharge of a reportable quantity of a hazardous substance into the navigable waters of the United States.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Contact the local Sector ASAP.</b></li></ul>