

## Colorimetric Reagent Testing

**See disclaimers make sure they are read and understood. TAKE REAGENTS OUT OF THE FRIDGE. Marquis, Mecke, Mandelin, Froehde, Liebermann and Ehrlich(only for LSD)**

**Begin survey or continue to fill out survey**

**What are they testing for? Use testing logic charts to help you determine what tests you will use.**

The client will then proceed to do the colorimetric drug checking by taking 4 samples (drug checking staff does not take or touch the sample) the size of a pin head for each and placing in indents on spot plate or on surface of white plate far apart from each other.

- Powder sample: client will use a plastic stir stick to make 4 piles the size of pinheads around the plate or in indents on plate
- Pill sample: use the xacto knife to scrape off a little sample and make four piles the size of pinheads on the plate
- If it is GHB then use appropriate Single use ampoule: have person place sample directly into ampoule for ID .
- Staff will show the person the colour chart pointing out what colour the volunteer and the client are expecting to see as a positive result on the colorimetric checking, and based on the client's belief of the substance). The volunteer will point out the time line to check results (i.e. 0-20sec).

The staff will then proceed with drug checking by choosing the test best suited for the believed substance and dropping 1 drop of reagent onto one sample pile. If the result of the drug checking is clearly positive, the volunteer will proceed to use other tests each on a separate sample to cross reference or test more. The results will be recorded on the drug checking tracking form. If needed, the Staff will let other staff know to warn about harmful or misrepresented substances.

The staff will then inform the client about the safe disposal service, and will use a harm reduction checklist to cover key harm reduction messages;

- Dosing strategy – start small and take it easy
- Potential risks associated with the particular substance tested for
- Safety tips
- Other services: Ask person if knows about other services on site

Finally, the staff will reset the station by wiping up any spills cleaning plate with baking soda and water