

Approximate Drug Detection Time in the Urine	
Drug	Length of Time Detected in Urine
Alcohol	7-12 hours
Amphetamines	48 hours
Barbiturates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-acting (eg, pentobarbital) • Long-acting (eg, phenobarbital) 	24 hours 3 weeks
Benzodiazepines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-acting (eg, lorazepam) • Long-acting (eg, diazepam) 	3 days 30 days
Cocaine metabolites	2-4 days
Marijuana <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single use • Moderate use (4 times/week) • Daily use • Chronic heavy smoker 	3 days 5-7 days 10-15 days >30 days
Opioids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Codeine • Heroin (morphine) • Hydromorphone • Methadone • Morphine • Oxycodone 	48 hours 48 hours 2-4 days 3 days 48-72 hours 2-4 days
Phencyclidine	8 days
Synthetic cannabinoids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single use • Chronic use 	72 hours >72 hours
Synthetic cathinone	Variable

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