



# Drug-Impaired Driving Toolkit for Employers

## Drug-Impairment Methods of Detection: Law Enforcement Programs

- ❖ The Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST) program trains officers to identify and assess drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol.
- ❖ The SFST assessment is typically administered at roadside during a traffic stop or sobriety checkpoint.
- ❖ The Drug Evaluation and Classification/Drug Recognition Expert (DEC/DRE) program provides more advanced training to evaluate suspected drug impairment.
- ❖ A drug recognition expert or drug recognition evaluator (DRE) is a police officer trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol. DEC programs are active in all 50 states and internationally.
- ❖ A DRE officer trained through the DEC program conducts a 12-step evaluation in a more controlled environment such as a jail or a detention facility.



- ❖ [The Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement \(ARIDE\) program](#) was created to address the gap in training between the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and the (DEC/DRE) Program.
- ❖ ARIDE is intended to bridge the gap between the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and Drug Evaluation and Classification/ Drug Recognition Experts (DEC/DRE) Programs by providing officers with general knowledge related to drug impairment and by promoting the use of DREs in states that have the DEC Program.
- ❖ The ARIDE course trains law enforcement officers to observe, identify and articulate the signs of impairment related to drugs, alcohol, or a combination of both, in order to reduce the number of impaired driving incidents as well as crashes which result in serious injuries and fatalities.

