

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: YOUTH & DRUG CHECKING

QUESTION: Can youth access drug checking at Substance?

ANSWER: Yes! Youth can access drug checking and are very welcome at Substance. We also offer on-the-spot naloxone training, strip tests, and have lots of harm reduction resources and supplies.

QUESTION: Do youth need to provide personal information to get drugs tested?

ANSWER: No! Everything at Substance is anonymous and confidential. This means we do not ask for names, contact information, or anything else that might identify someone. Results are accessed by phone, text, online or in-person through a randomly generated 9-digit code.

QUESTION: What can you test & how much is needed for testing?

ANSWER: Almost any drug can be tested. This includes MDMA, MDA, cocaine, ketamine, 2C-B, LSD, benzos, meth, opioids including fentanyl, and many more! We cannot test cannabis or mushrooms on our spectrometers, but we can do test strips to rule out the presence of fentanyl and benzos. We only need a sample the size of a small grain of rice for testing, and the sample is destroyed in the testing process.

QUESTION: Why test your drugs?

ANSWER: To learn about what's in your stuff! We can tell you about many main ingredients, cuts, and adulterants. We cannot say if something is pure or safe (because safety is relative to each person and their substance use).

QUESTION: Do youth get in trouble when accessing services at Substance?

ANSWER: No! We are non-judgemental and non-punitive. This means we do not assign "good" or "bad" labels to drugs or people who use them. We care about building trusting relationships with the people who use our services. We will not test substances confiscated from people without their informed consent, and we do not work with police.

QUESTION: What if I want information about the local drug supply, but don't want to test anything?

ANSWER: Check out our weekly reports in-person, or on our website and Instagram!

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