



Idaho State Police Forensic Services



Access Free Toxicology Testing for Your Cases

As dedicated professionals in the field of medicolegal death investigations, we understand the importance of accurate and timely toxicology testing in determining the cause and manner of death.

Idaho State Police Forensic Services (ISPFS) started a drug overdose pilot project to assist coroners with financial burdens that toxicology testing on counties. The ISPFS lab is currently able to perform a rapid toxicology screening on suspected or potential drug overdoses deaths within your jurisdiction.



Courtesy of Randox

Why? There is no cost to you, and you get quick results!

There is no cost for a coroner's office to participate. All costs are being funded by ISPFS and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) with future funding being secured either through IDHW or the governor's office to keep free toxicology screening for coroners around the state after the program has ended.



Courtesy of Premium Vials

Supplies Provided: Training, shipping containers, and collection kits are provided by ISPFS once all proper MOUs have been signed by state and county officials. Shipping for samples is also covered through the IDHW grant.

Fast Turnaround: We understand the urgency of toxicology in medicolegal death investigations. Our streamlined processes enable prompt analysis and reporting. The screening results are promptly returned to the coroner within a span of two business days of the sample arriving at the lab. This swift process has already proven instrumental in uncovering overdose fatalities that might have otherwise gone undetected.

Expert Support: Our team is committed to providing you with the support and guidance you need to navigate complex cases.

Current Subscribing Counties:

- ISPFS is currently contracted with 15 counties and an additional 5 more pending!
- ISPFS has completed 76 screenings for contracted counties. Results are then input into ODMAP which collects data on drug related hotspots across the state and nation and is available to all first responder agencies that signed up for an account.

Success:

"We wouldn't have found the overdose had we not utilized this program. This is not a case I generally would have ran a tox panel." Idaho Coroner responded to a 65-year-old female, multiple co-morbidities, and medications. The case ruled a drug overdose, manner—suicide.

63% of cases submitted have resulted in fentanyl being detected.



Courtesy of Revital Healthcare

Coroners should contact ISPFS Laboratory System Director, Matthew Gamette at matthew.gamette@isp.idaho.gov to start the process or with any additional questions.