



2024 ANNUAL BERDIN MEETING

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ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG RELATED DEATHS IN BERMUDA

- Forensic Toxicology Section
- Performs toxicology analysis on biological samples after autopsy, on behalf of the Coroner

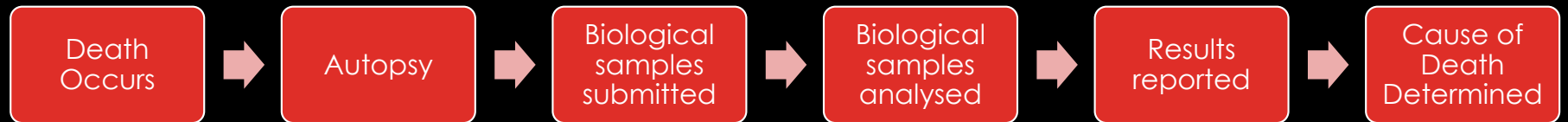
CORONERS ACT 1938

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Duty to notify coroner in certain cases

- - 8(1) Where the dead body of a person is found on land or in the territorial waters of Bermuda, or is brought or washed ashore, and there is reason to suspect that that person—
 - (a) died a violent or unnatural death; or
 - (b) a death of which the cause is unknown,every person finding that dead body, and every person having knowledge of that death, shall forthwith notify a police officer.
- - (2) Where a person dies in—
 - (a) a prison;
 - (b) a senior training school;
 - (c) a hospital providing treatment for persons suffering from mental disorder,the person in charge of that institution, and every person there having knowledge of that death, shall forthwith notify a police officer.
- (3) Where a person dies in police custody, every police officer having knowledge of the death shall forthwith notify a Coroner.
- (4) Where notification is given to a police officer under this section, the police officer shall notify a Coroner of the facts so notified to him.

PROCESS



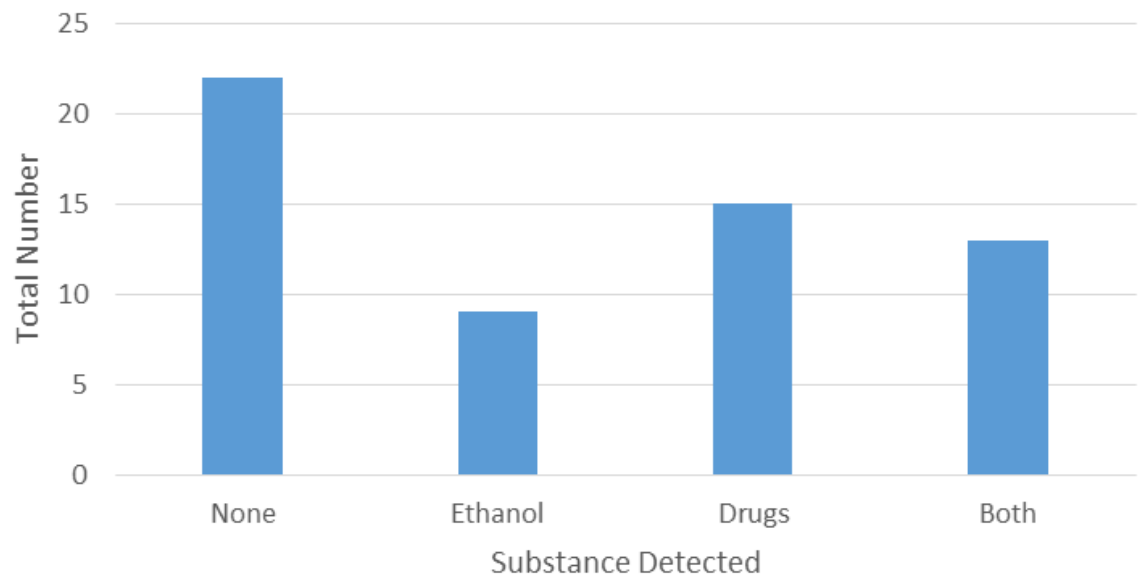


TESTING PANEL

- Ethanol
- Methamphetamine/Ecstasy
- Benzodiazepines
- Barbiturates
- Cannabinoids
- Cocaine
- Opiates
- Fentanyl
- Oxycodone
- Basics (expanded)
- Acids (expanded)

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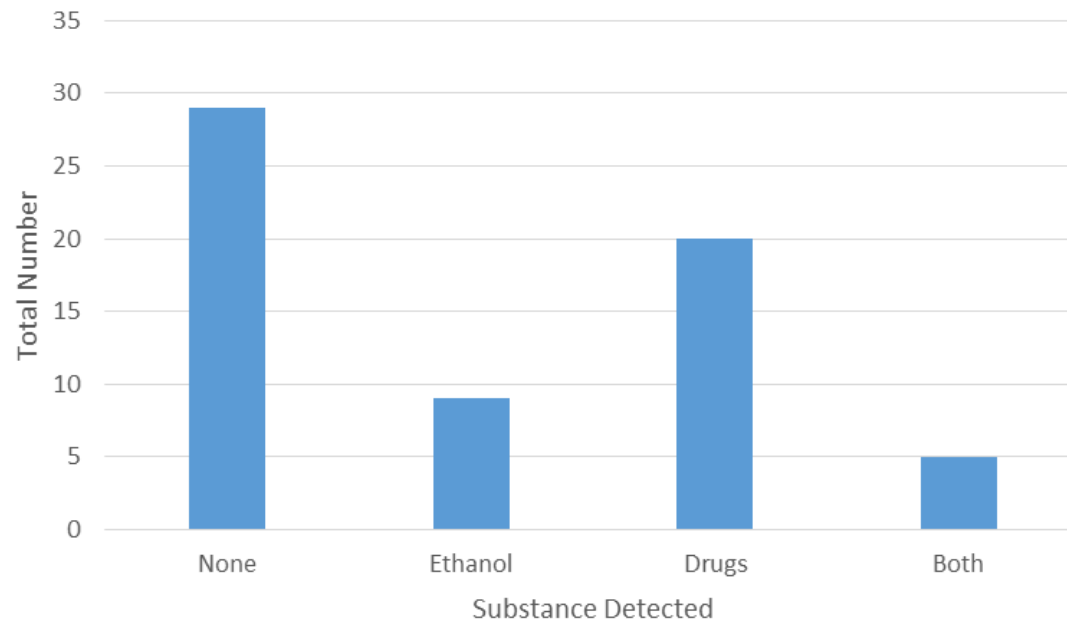
2022 Coroners Cases



Total Number of Screens	59
Age Group	
< 18 years	1
18-25 years	8
26-35 years	3
36-45 years	5
46-60 years	25
60+ years	17
Substances detected	
None	22
Ethanol	9
Drugs	15
Both	13
Gender	
Males	48
Females	11

2023

2023 Coroners Case



Total Number of Screens	62
Age Group	
< 18 years	1
18-25 years	4
26-35 years	3
36-45 years	7
46-60 years	22
60+ years	21
Substances detected	
None	29
Ethanol	9
Drugs	20
Both	5
Gender	
Males	46
Females	10

2022 CASE STUDY

Female

- Blood
- Cocaine 100ng/mL
- BZE 1800ng/mL
- Fentanyl 21ng/mL
- Norfentanyl 11ng/mL
- Morphine - Detected

Male

- Blood
- Zolpidem 2700ng/mL
- Citalopram 1800ng/mL
- Tramadol 70ng/mL
- Urine
- Zolpidem 10000ng/mL
- Citalopram >1000ng/mL
- Tramadol 3100ng/mL
- Oxycodone 200ng/mL
- Codeine 400ng/mL

2023 CASE STUDY

Male

- Blood
- Delta-9 THC 21ng/mL
- Hydroxy-THC 67ng/mL
- Carboxy-THC >500ng/mL
- MDMA 2000ng/mL
- MDA 120ng/mL
- Morphine - Detected
- Urine
- Carboxy-THC >500ng/mL
- MDMA 100,000ng/mL
- MDA 69,000ng/mL
- BZE 300ng/mL



DUI CASES

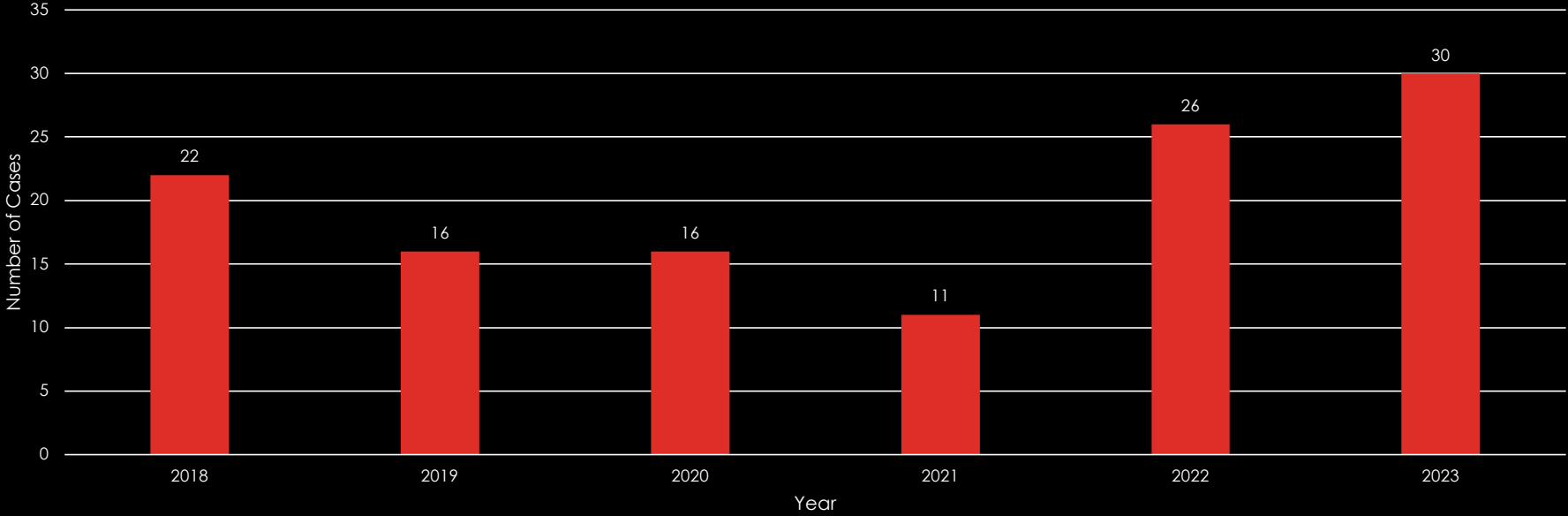
- Toxicology Analysis Performed on Blood Samples submitted by police in Accordance with the Road Traffic Act 1947
- Sections 35E and 35F

TESTING PANEL

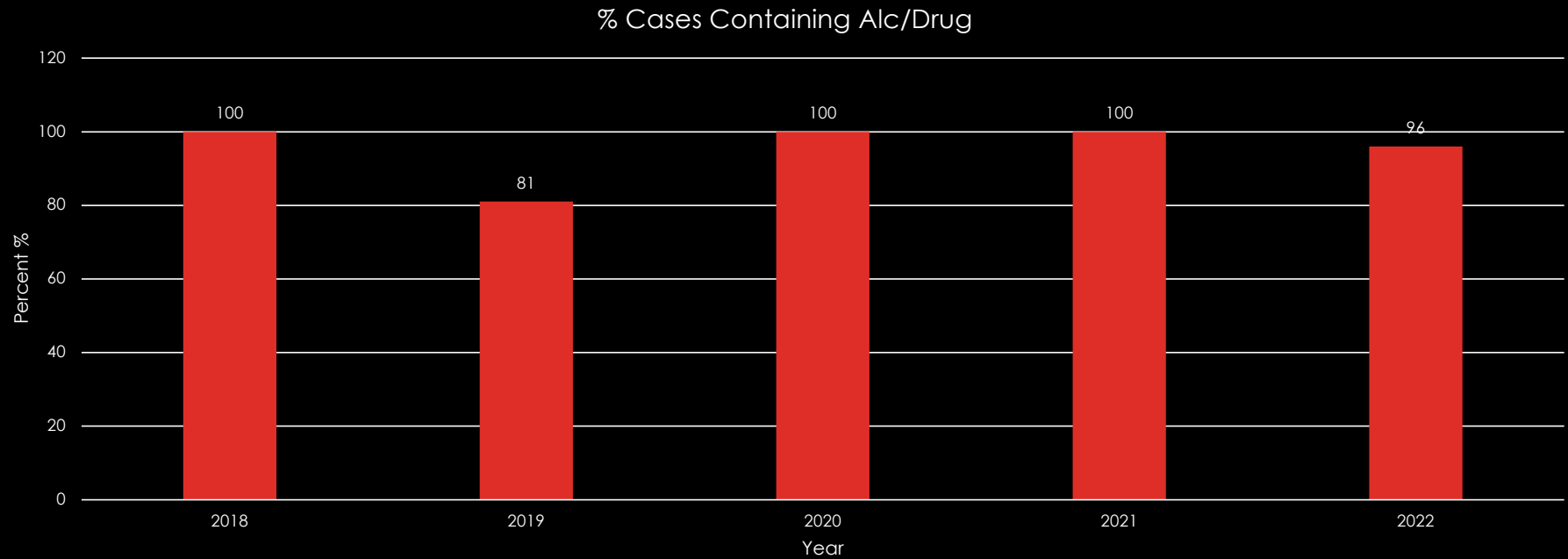
- Ethanol
- Methamphetamine/Ecstasy
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- Opiates

DUI CASES SUBMITTED PER YEAR

Total DUI Cases Submitted per Year

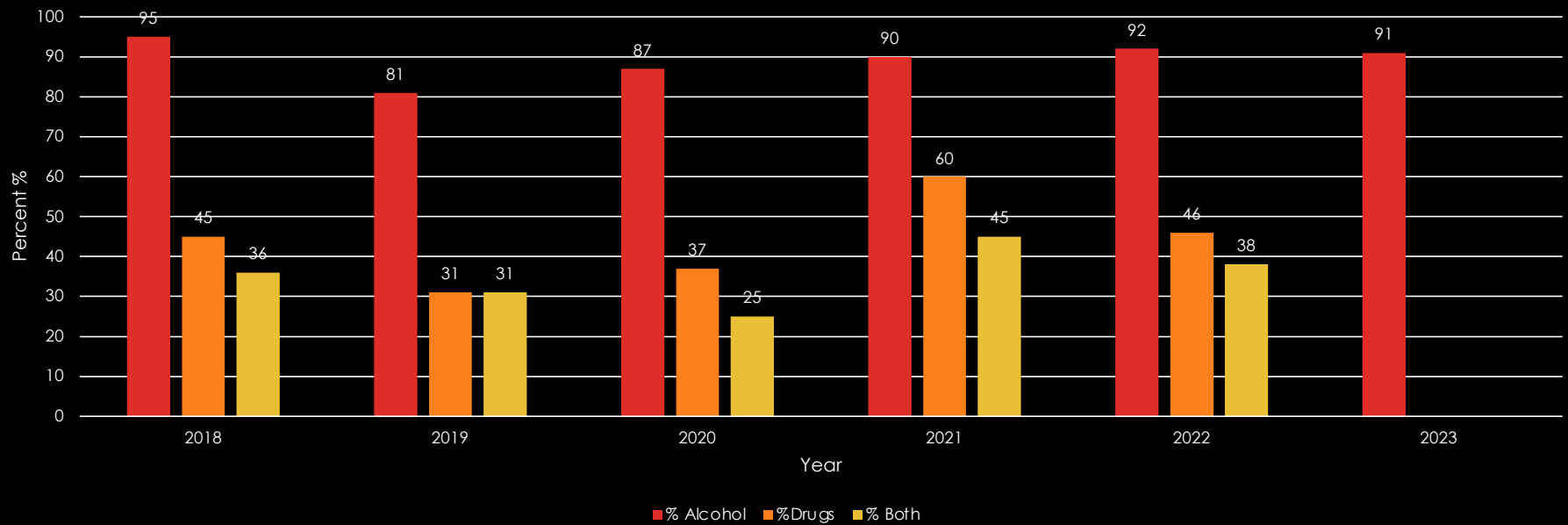


PERCENTAGE OF CASES THAT ARE POSITIVE



BREAKDOWN OF CASES CONTAINING ALC/DRUGS

Breakdown of Cases Containing Alc, Drugs or Both

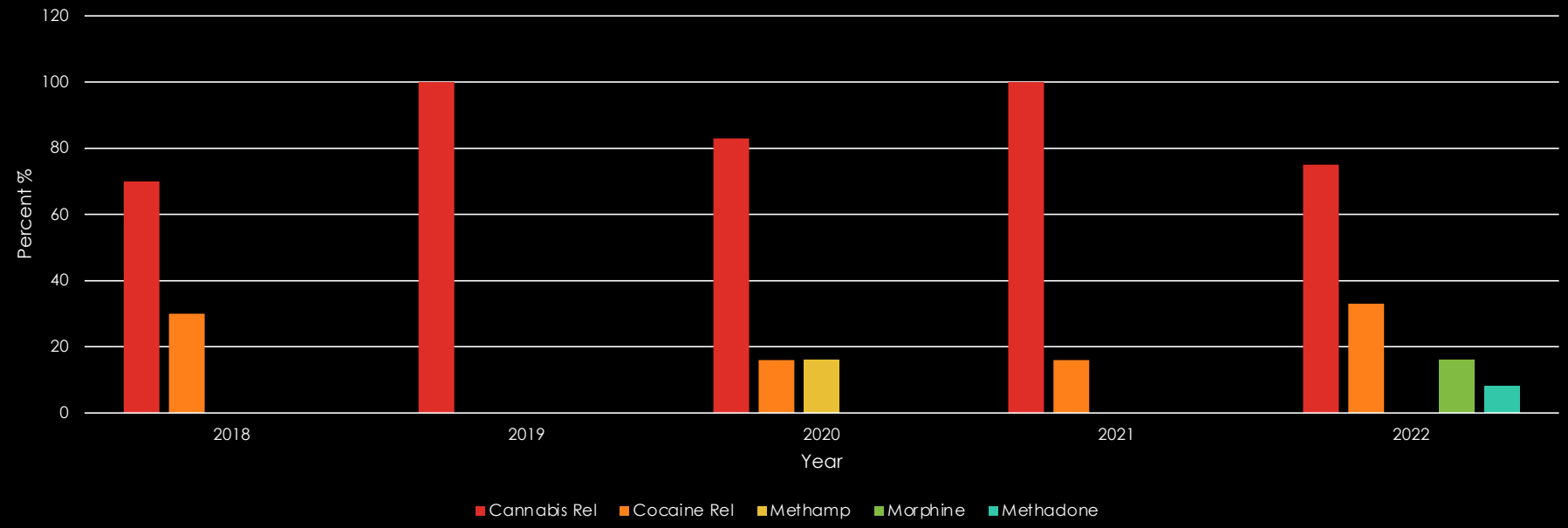


CLASS OF DRUGS DETECTED

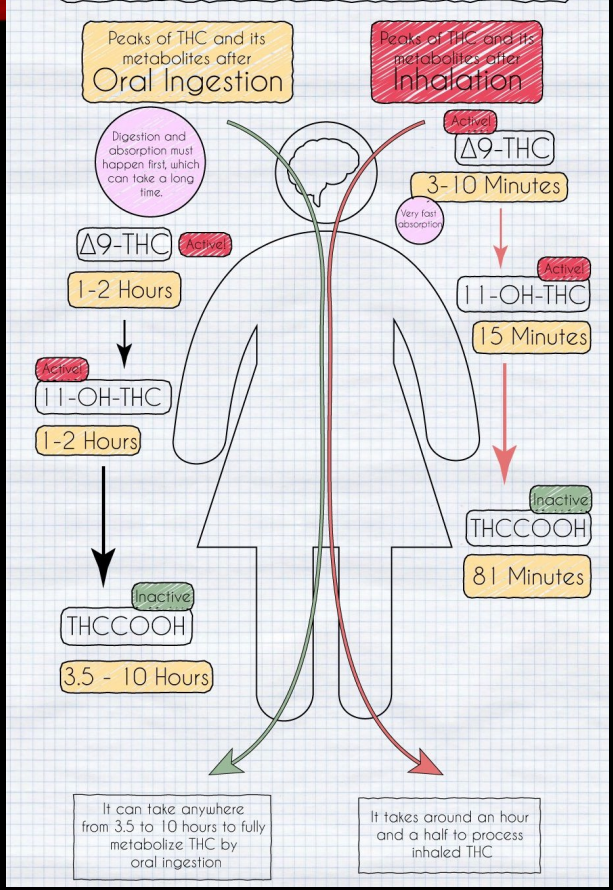
- Cannabis Related
 - Delta-9 THC and associated metabolites
- Cocaine Related
 - Cocaine and associated metabolites
- Methamphetamine
- Methadone
- Morphine

PERCENTAGE BREAKDOWN OF DRUGS IN DUI SAMPLES

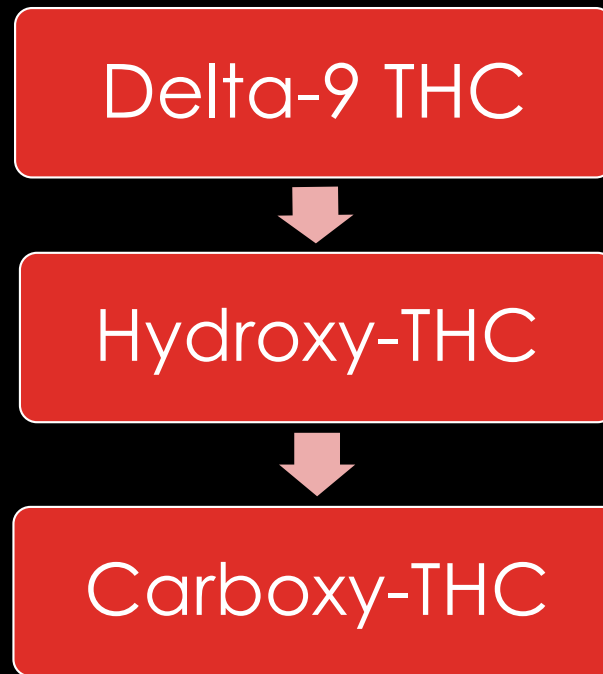
Type of Drug Detected in DUI Samples by Percentage



How long does it take to metabolize THC?



DELTA-9 THC METABOLISM





EXPANDED TESTING

- Delta-8 THC

