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# DRUG (& ALCOHOL) TESTING

#### **DRUG-TESTING**

The chance of getting a positive test increases if your group has more risks than strengths!

Count your GREEN CHIPS (STRENGTHS)

Count your RED CHIPS (RISKS)



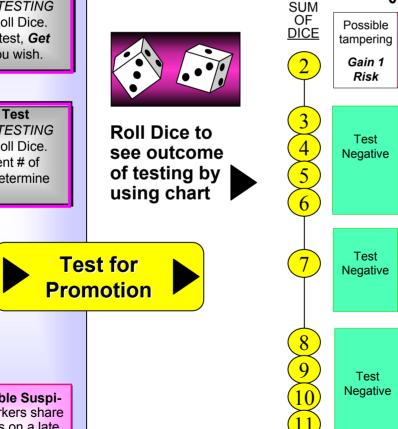
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Test

TOTAL RISK = RISKS - STRENGTHS TEST **POST-ACCIDENT** Refer to TESTING chart & Roll Dice. After the test. Get Help if you wish.

Refer to TESTING chart & Roll Dice. Use current # of risks to determine outcome.

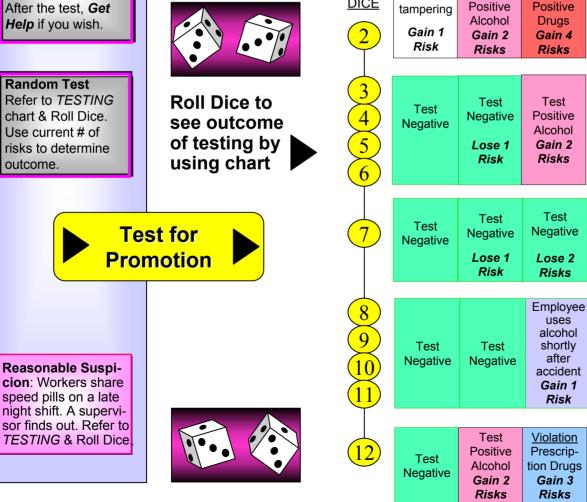
**TYPES OF** 



**# OF TOTAL RISKS**\* 1

Test

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# WINNING!



# The team with the most strengths after testing for promotion wins the game









# Correctly classify the following situations as either use, misuse, or dependence.

1 – An individual drinks a beer with dinner every night after work.

A) Use B) Misuse C) Dependence

2 – Upon waking and before going to work each morning, an individual craves and smokes a marijuana cigarette.

A) Use B) Misuse C) Dependence

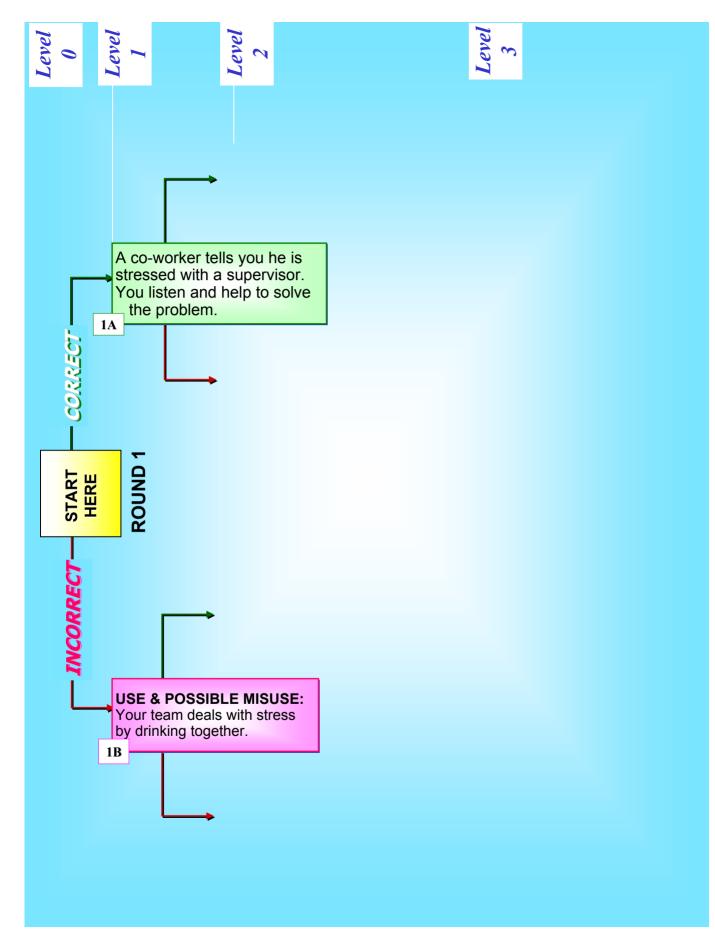
3 – An employee has a few beers at lunch on a Friday afternoon before going back to work.

A) Use B) Misuse C) Dependence

#### Answer

# The Best Answers are:

- 1 A. Use (Beer is legal and there is no sign of dependence)
- 2 C. Dependence (craving each morning upon waking suggests a dependency)
- 3 B. Misuse







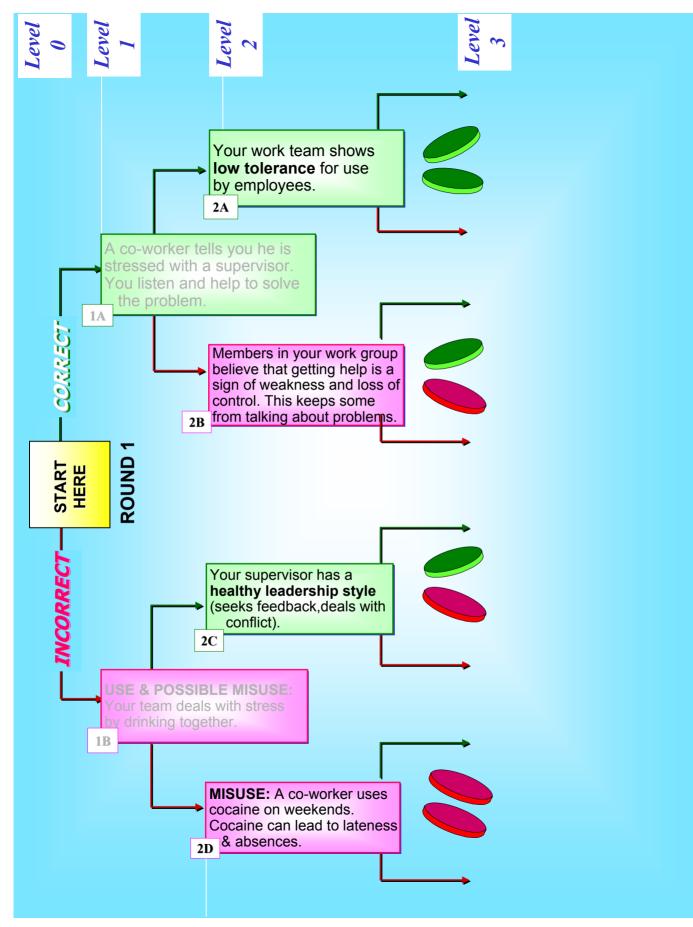
- Which of the following is an example of an indicator that a co-worker <u>is</u> misusing alcohol or drugs?
- A) Constantly missing deadlines (*inefficient*)
- B) Avoiding share of group tasks (*uncooperative*)
- C) Daydreaming a lot (*withdrawn*)
- D) A, B, & C are each indicators that a co-worker is misusing substances
- E) None of the above.

# Answer

# The Best Answer is E

Though missing deadlines, avoiding tasks, and daydreaming are all **possible** indicators of substance misuse, **no single sign alone is itself an indicator.** Never judge or label a person as a user or addict. It is not your responsibility to diagnose.

Working with a slack, accident-prone co-worker can be stressful and dangerous to you and your workgroup. For this reason it is the responsibility of your supervisor to document all behaviors such as absences, accidents, etc...







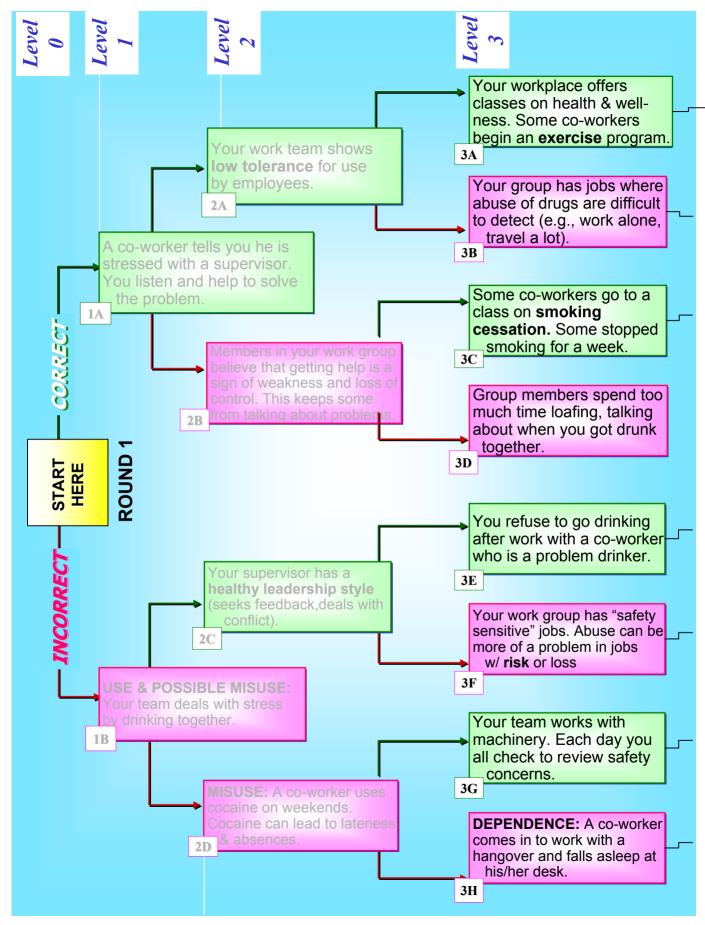
# If an employee has reasonable cause to suspect that a co-worker is under the influence of alcohol or drugs at work, that employee should:

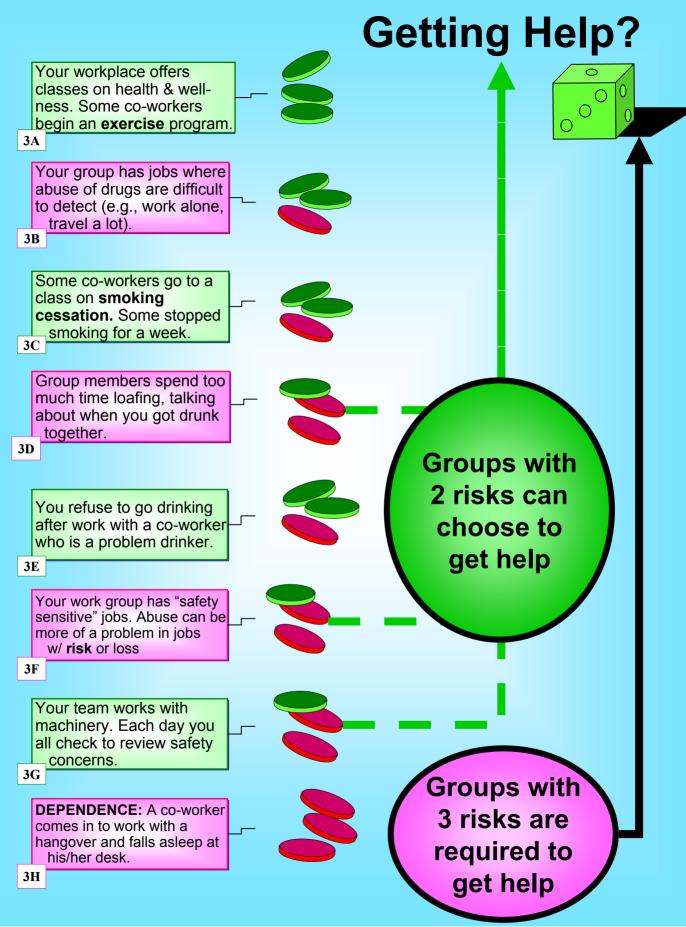
- A) Accuse the co-worker of being an addict/alcoholic.
- B) Offer the co-worker some coffee to sober him/her up
- C) Ask the co-worker for his/her car keys to prevent them from driving home
- D) Notify the co-worker's supervisor or call the EAP

#### Answer

# The Best Answer is D

- Although not always specified by policy, any employee who is aware of a co-worker impaired by drugs or alcohol while at work should notify someone trained to deal with the situation, including the impaired co-worker's supervisor or the EAP.
- Accusing the person is not likely to solve the problem and coffee will not counteract the effects of alcohol or drugs. Although taking someone's car key may be appropriate in a social situations (such as a party with friends), the best bet at work is to turn it over to a trained person with the authority to handle the situation.









# As part of the employee benefits package, employees are entitled to

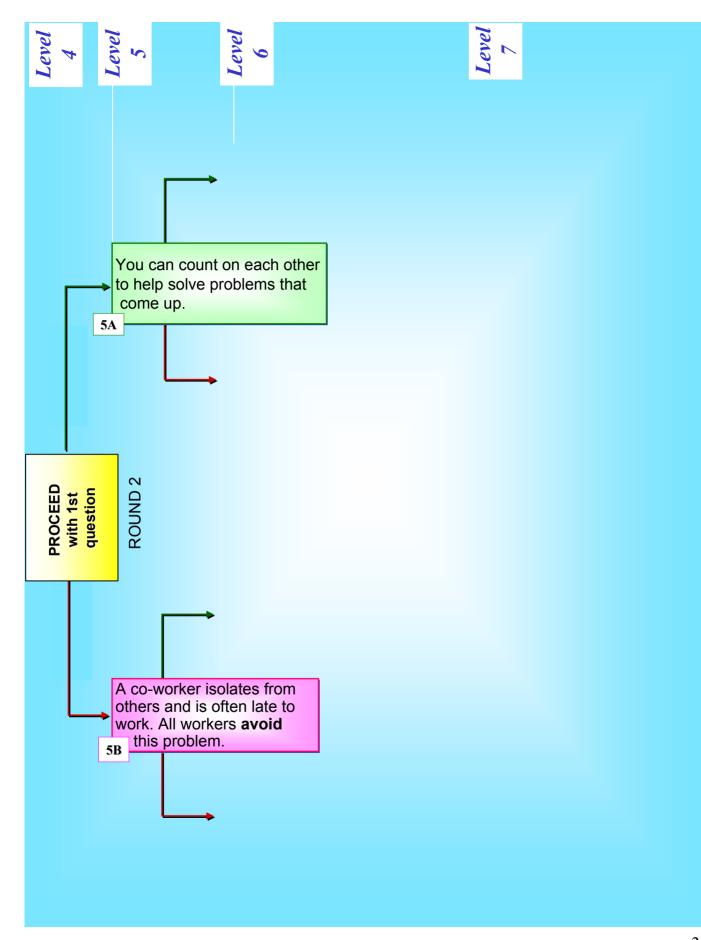
- A) One free counseling session (consultation) with an Employee Assistance Professional
- B) Five free counseling sessions with an Employee Assistance Professional
- C) Five counseling sessions with an Employee Assistance Professional at 20 percent of the cost
- D) General free consultation with the EAP for employee and family members

# Answer

# The Best Answer is ??

There is no specified limit to EAP services. However, most problems are handled through referral to an appropriate community or mental health resource in a few sessions.

- Call XXX-XXXX between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays
- Schedule an appointment with the EAP coordinator
- A voice-mail message may be left after 5 p.m. and weekends









# When must drug- or alcohol- testing be done following an accident involving an employee driving a personal vehicle on business (post-accident testing)?

- A) Any accident involving a fatality
- B) Any accident for a traffic violation citation
- C) When there is medical attention away from scene
- D) All of the above
- E) All of the above except B

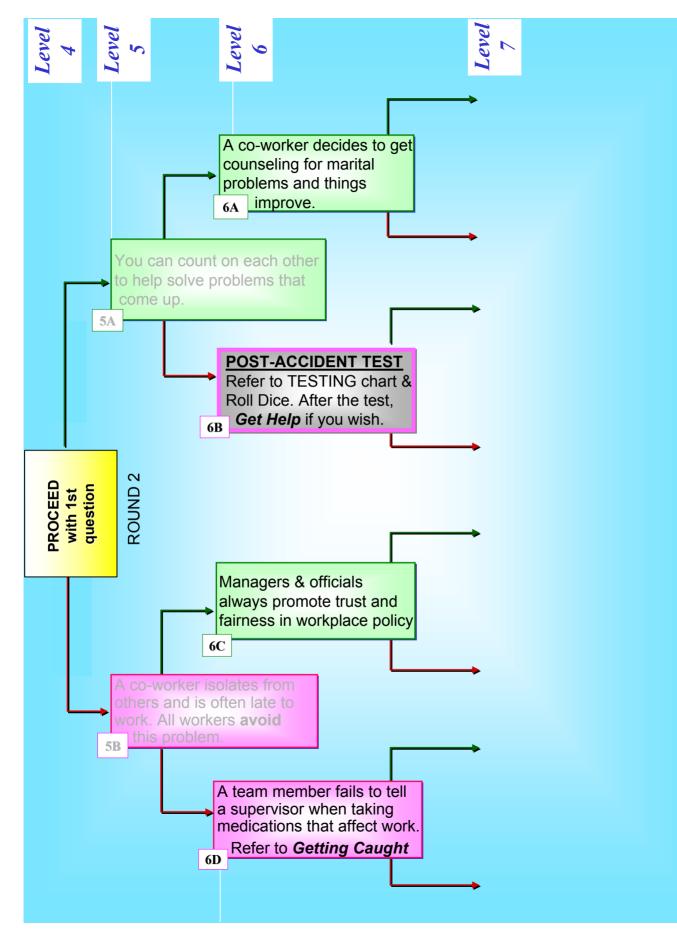
# Answer

- The correct answer is D
- Criteria for Post-Accident Testing reads:

# "Any accident in which a person is t<u>ransporte</u>d for medical attention."

In addition to A) fatality and B) citations, post-accident testing is required when:

- 1) there is no reasonable explanation for the accident
- 2) Your worksite's EAP deems it appropriate
- 3) there is damage and/or injury arising out of the operation of a commercial vehicle (here, other non-<sup>Question 5</sup> injured employees may be tested)







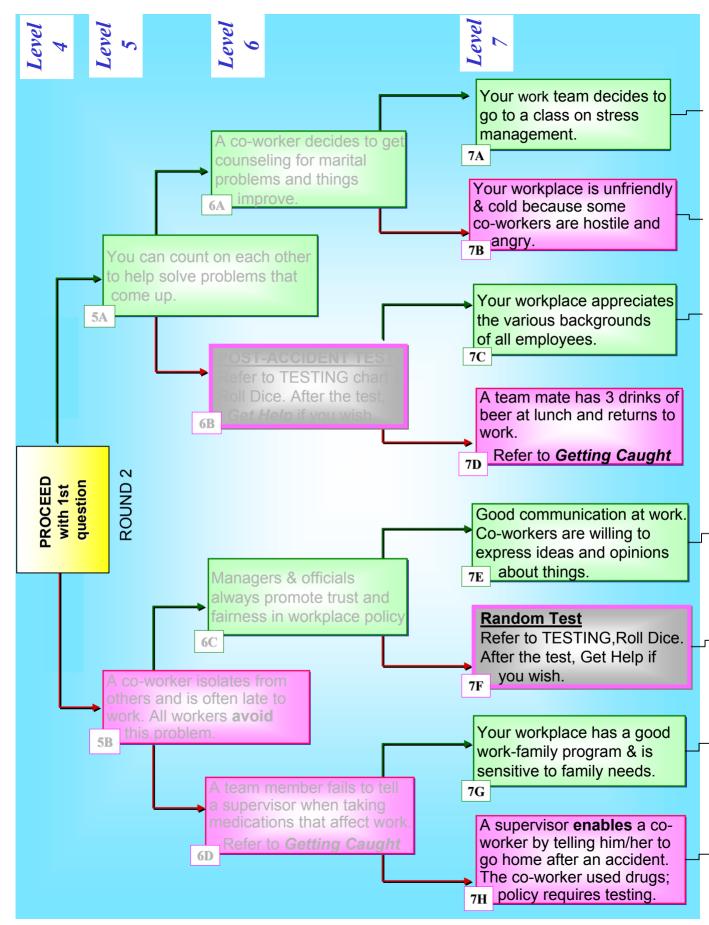
Many employees are aware of co-workers who use alcohol or drugs at work. What is your estimate of the percent of employees surveyed (in several studies) who are aware of or affected by co-worker

- use?
- **A)** 1% to 5% 6% to 10%
- B)
- C) 11% to 35%
- D) 36% to 65%

# Answer

# The Best Answer is C

- Depending on the survey, roughly 10 to 35% of those asked are aware of co-worker drug use.
- Study 1(1,800 in a national survey): 10.4% report at least one co-worker is a drug user
- Study 2(1,000 in a national survey): In 1995, 35% indicated seeing or hearing any illicit on-the-job drug use by your co-workers. This was an increase from 24% in 1989.
- Study 3 (2,000 municipal workers): As many as 40% report at least one negative consequence associate with co-worker use of alcohol or drugs.
- 1-(Roman & Blum, 1995). 2 Institute for a Drug-Free Workplace (D.C./Gallup, 1997). 3-Bennett & Lehman (1988).



Check your policy





## **Question 7**

In which of the following conditions can an employee with a substance use problem avoid getting disciplined?

A) If the employee <u>voluntarily</u> self-refers to the EAP without telling a supervisor
B) If the employee <u>voluntarily</u> informs their supervisor, asks for assistance, and goes to the EAP
C) If the employee <u>voluntarily</u> informs Human Resources and asks for assistance
D) Both B and C
E) All of the Above

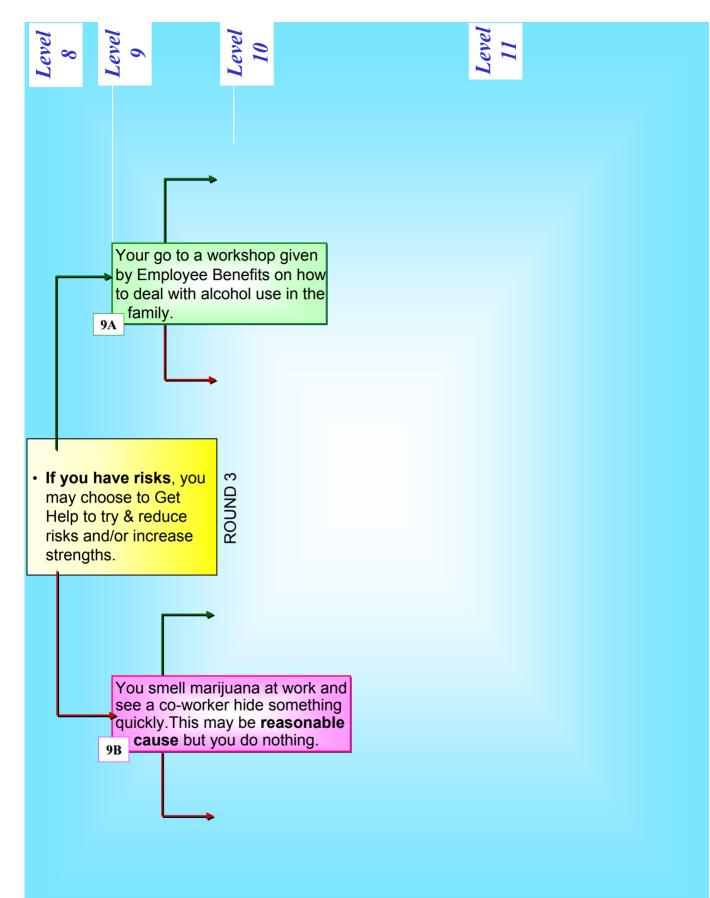
#### Answer

The Best Answer is D

It is always better to get help and try to resolve the problem than waiting and getting caught.

A is correct because policy and performance is the primary factor in disciplinary action.

C is also correct because employees who self-refer or get help are taking an interest in improving and, as a result, may improve performance before disciplinary action is required. Also, a supervisor MAY be lenient once they know that an employee is working on their issues.







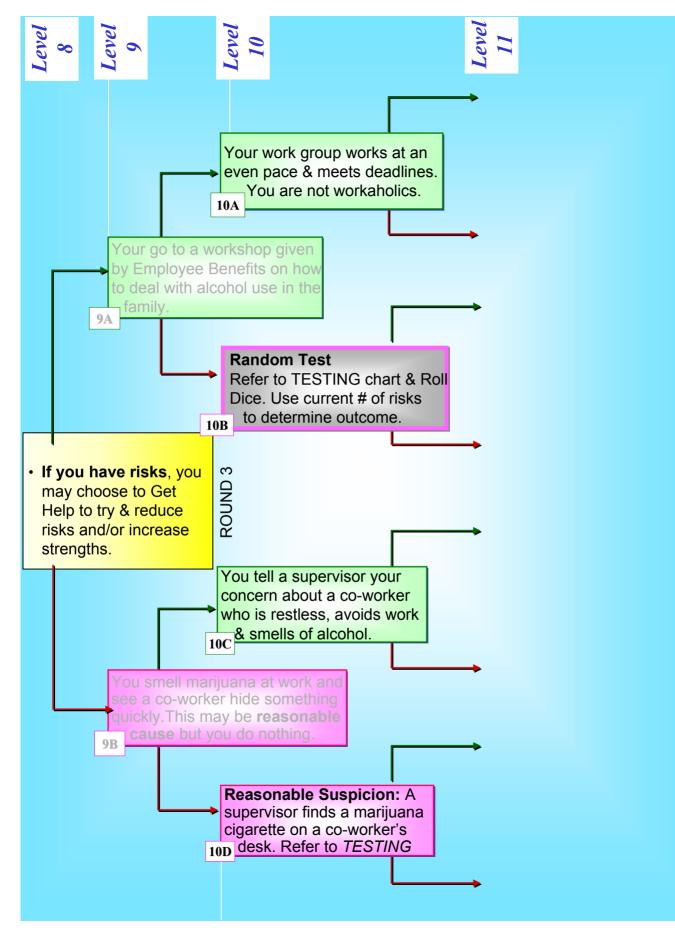
# **True or False**

Prescription drugs can be more dangerous than illicit drugs

# Answer

# **The Best Answer is True**

Prescription drugs should only be taken according to your physician's direction. When you use prescription drugs that were not prescribed for you, or in ways that your physician did not prescribe, they can be dangerous and harmful to your health. Some prescription drugs, even when taken according to physician's directions, can affect your alertness and performance on the job. So it is important that you also pay attention to any warnings which come with a prescription.



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# **Question 9**

# **True or False**

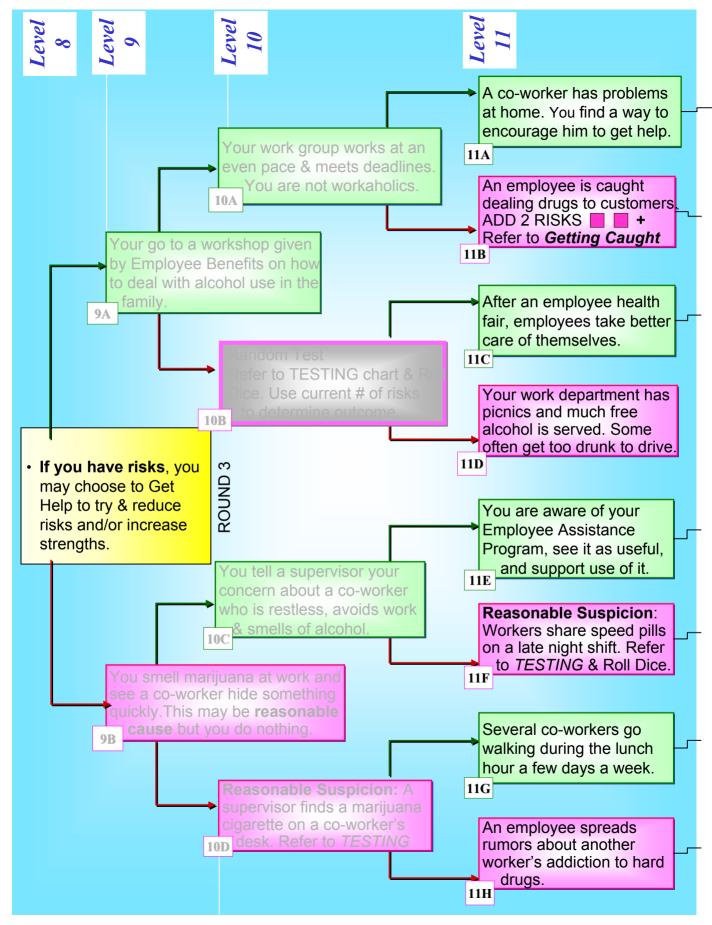
Providers of Employee Assistance Programs may help supervisors conduct a constructive or supportive confrontation with employees who are suspected as misusing or abusing drugs or alcohol.

# Answer

# **The Best Answer is True**

Most EAP programs serve as consultants for supervisors to help them properly stage a discussion with an employee to encourage that employee to get help. Supervisors often have the option of having the EAP attend this constructive confrontation session. Sometimes a supervisor may be the one person who an employee can listen to or trust to help them.

In your workplace, EAP receives approximately (##) supervisory calls a year asking for help in their assisting an employee.



Check your policy





#### **Question 10**

# **True or False?**

Using alcohol 4 hours prior to performing safetysensitive functions could result in termination.

#### Answer

# TRUE

This is an aspect of policy which sends a message about the carry-over effects of alcohol use. Alcohol and drugs continue to impair the body for periods of time after use. Depending, of course, on how much you drink, it is possible that alcohol could still be in your system and affect your performance 4 hours or more after drinking. The following chart estimates the time (in hours) that it would take for alcohol to **be fully metabolized** in people with different weights.

| Drinks | Weight         |                |                |
|--------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|        | <u>120 lbs</u> | <u>140 lbs</u> | <u>160 lbs</u> |
| 1      | 2.6            | 2.2            | 1.9            |
| 2      | 5.2            | 4.5            | 3.9            |
| 3      | 7.8            | 6.7            | 5.8            |
| 4      | 10.4           | 9              | 7.8            |
| 5      | 13             | 11.1           | 9.8            |
| 6      | 15.6           | 13.5           | 11.7           |





# **True or False**

# Drug abuse is primarily a problem among the unemployed.

#### Answer

#### **The Best Answer is False**

There are many misconceptions about substance abuse:

About 90% of alcoholics and 70% of illicit drug users are employed full-time. Among 18 to 34 year olds, about 20% of illegal drug users work in professional and financial jobs.







# **True or False**

DOT employees may not consume any alcohol from any source within eight hours prior to reporting for duty.

# Answer

# **The Best Answer is False**

Policy indicates that DOT positions may not consume alcohol within **four hours** of reporting for duty.

Policy does not specifically say when you cannot have alcohol if you are NON-DOT.

HOWEVER, a **violation** occurs if Breath Alcohol Concentration confirms at **0.04 or greater**. This applies to all employees. Between 0.02 and 0.04 does not constitute a violation under policy. However, all employees will be referred to EAP before being allowed to return to work.





#### Which of the following treatments is the most effective for people who are trying to stop smoking or using nicotine?

- A) Individual or group counseling
- B) Nicotine replacement (use of patch or gum)
- **C)** Acupuncture
- D) Both A and B together
- E) Both B and C together

#### Answer

#### The Best Answer is D

A review of about 56 research articles concluded that smokers were more likely to stop or cut down:

- 1) more with counseling than with self-help material.
- 2) when given skills in problem-solving and coping with events that lead to relapse.
- 3) when counseling and nicotine replacement were used together







#### **True or False?**

# Policy indicates that it is generally permissible to take prescription or over-the-counter medication while at work.

# Answer

# **The Best Answer is False**

Some prescription medications as well as various over-thecounter medications (e.g., allergy, cough suppressants) cause drowsiness and poor motor control. These are risk factors.

Policy (5.1-c) states that the use of prescription or over-thecounter medication IS PROHIBITED unless three requirements are met:

1) The medicine has been prescribed (licensed physician

2) The medicine is taken as prescribed

3) The use of the medicine has been reported to the Department/Division Manager (or designee) when the use of such drug may affect the employee's ability to perform assigned duties.





- Based on the known research, what do we know about the effectiveness of drug testing?
- A) Employees who report drug use are more likely to avoid companies that test
- B) Companies that combine testing with education report positive test rates lower than those that rely on testing alone
- C) Testing may be effective as a way of getting employees into and benefiting from treatment
- D) All of the above

#### Answer

# Answer is D – REFERENCES BELOW

SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) (1999). <u>Worker drug use and workplace policies and programs: Results from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (NHSDA)</u>. [WWW document] [URL http://www.samhsa.gov/link990908.htm] [accessed September 9, 1999].

American Management Association (2000). <u>Workplace testing: Medical</u> <u>testing (2000 AMA Survey and previous surveys)</u>. [online] <u>http://www.amanet.org/research/pdfs/medicl2.0.pdf</u> [accessed October 1, 2000].

Lawental, E., McLellan, A. T., Grissom, G. R., Brill, P., & O'Brien, C. (1996) Coerced treatment for substance abuse problems detected through workplace urine surveillance: Is it effective? <u>Journal of Substance Abuse</u>, *8*, 115-128.





- Managers/Supervisors report various barriers to the effective management of alcohol problems in the workplace. Which of the following is the most frequently cited barrier.
- A) New "team management" leaves <u>no one in charge</u>
- B) Managers <u>pay a price</u> for confronting workers
- C) Managers <u>don't receive enough training</u> in how to confront problems
- D) Company is tough on illicit drugs, soft on alcohol

# Answer

# THE BEST ANSWER IS C

- Here are the results from a survey of 7000 supervisors across 114 worksites:
- Not enough training (80% reported)
- Company is tough on illicit drugs, soft on alcohol (58%)
- Managers pay a price for confronting workers with problems (49%)
- New "team management" leaves no one in charge (37%)

From Bell, S. N., Mangione, T. W., Howland, J., Levine, S., & Amick, B., III. (1996). Worksite barriers to the effective management of alcohol problems. *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*, *38*, 1213-1219.

Question 16 (ALTERNATIVE)





A growing body of evidence shows that BRIEF INTERVENTIONS can help adults reduce alcohol intake. These programs often take four or fewer sessions lasting a few minutes to an hour. A review of 32 studies reported that the average positive change observed for intervention groups was about:

- A) 5% reduction in alcohol use
- B) 15% reduction
- C) 25% reduction
- D) 40% reduction

# Answer

#### THE BEST ANSWER IS C

**Correct answer is C 27%** 

The reference is Bien, T. H., Miller, W.R., Tonigfan, J. S. (1993) <u>Addiction</u> 88(3): 315-336.

#### Also see NIAA Alcohol Alert No. 43, April 1999

http://silk.nih.gov/silk/niaaa1/publication/aa43.htm





# According to the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1998, what percent of workplace accidents are drug related?

- A) 17% B) 25%
- **C) 34%**
- D) 47%

# Answer

#### THE BEST ANSWER IS D

Drug-Free Workplace Act

SEC. 111. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the "Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1998".

SEC. 112. FINDINGS; PURPOSES.

(a) Findings.-Congress finds that-

(1) 74 percent of adults who use illegal drugs are employed;

(2) small business concerns employ over 50 percent of the Nation's workforce;

(3) in more than 88 percent of families with children under the age of 18, at least 1 parent is employed; and

(4) employees who use and abuse addictive illegal drugs and alcohol increase costs for businesses and risk the health and safety of all employees because-

(A) absenteeism is 66 percent higher among drug users than individuals who do not use drugs;

(B) health benefit utilization is 300 percent higher among drug users than individuals who do not use drugs;

(C) 47 percent of workplace accidents are drug-related;

(D) disciplinary actions are 90 percent higher among drug users than among individuals who do not use drugs; and

(E) employee turnover is significantly higher among drug users than among individuals who do not use drugs.

(from http://www.sba.gov/news/drugfree/dfwpact.html)





According to one study, which of the following factors is most closely associated with whether an individual is a problem drinker

- A) Work stress
- **B)** Whether coworkers drink and how often
- **C)** Lack of a strong and enforced policy
- D) Feeling alone and alienated at work

#### Answer

# THE BEST ANSWER IS B

From Bacharach, Bamberger, Sonnenstuhl (in press). DRIVEN TO DRINK: MANAGERIAL CONTROL, WORK-RELATED RISK FACTORS AND EMPLOYEE DRINKING BEHAVIOR. Academy of Management Journal,

