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Marijuana

Marijuana consumption

Please be aware of what you consume at parties and during other off-the-job activities. It is your responsibility to maintain your body in a drug-free state. If you encounter items that may contain marijuana, you need to ask before you consume them. Consumption of marijuana can cause you to test positive for up to a few weeks afterwards; so that also puts weekend recreational use out of bounds. Federal drug testing requirements remain in place. Any safety-sensitive employee could be randomly chosen for a test at any time. Please take care of your body and your job by refraining from use.

Also, please know that the federal Department of Transportation's Drug and Alcohol Testing Regulation – 49 CFR Part 40, at 40.151(e) – does not authorize “medical marijuana” to be a valid explanation for a transportation employee's positive drug test result.

Special precautions: finding marijuana on the coach

Section 7.20, Lost Articles: Special Precautions, of *The Book* has this paragraph added:

Marijuana: If the quantity is less than one ounce, treat it as a normal lost and found item. If you are uncomfortable having this on your coach, call the coordinator. A district supervisor, if available, will respond and transport the item to lost and found. If the quantity is clearly more than one ounce, call the coordinator and ask for assistance from Metro Transit Police, who will meet the coach and take possession of the substance. If you are unsure of the quantity, call the coordinator and let him or her know that you are unsure.