

## **Learning Activity for Under the Influence Training**

- 1) Scenario One: You come across a male who has a foul body odor emanating from him. He talks fast, has browning in between some of his available teeth, and also has a tired look. His pupils appear normal, but his eyelids flutter rapidly. You conduct an evaluation to determine if he is under the influence of something. He does not exhibit any signs of nystagmus or lack of convergence. It takes him 10 seconds to estimate 30 seconds and his pulse rate is 120 beats per minute?

Do you believe he is under the influence? Why? If so, what drug do you believe he used.

2) Scenario Two: You get a radio call to respond to a rave party for a bunch of college students at night. You arrive and find a female who is partially clothed. She seems responsive and coherent. Her pupils are extremely dilated, and she does not exhibit rapid or slow eyelid flutter. You decide to conduct an evaluation to determine if she is under the influence. She does not exhibit any signs of nystagmus or lack of convergence. It takes her 25 seconds to estimate 30 seconds and she has a pulse rate of 95 beats per minute. You continue speaking to her when a song can be heard in the background. The female suddenly goes into a trance-like state and starts to dance and pulls at her clothing. When the song ends, she returns to the physical state she was in when you started talking to her.

Do you believe she is under the influence? Why? If so, what drug did she use?

- 3) Scenario Three: You are on a traffic stop for a moving violation and talking to a female driver. You notice she has a somewhat spacey look on her face and that she is having difficulty following your instructions. She fumbles for her ID and other items in the vehicle. She does not have an odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from her. You take her out of the vehicle to conduct standardized field sobriety tests. She exhibits horizontal and vertical nystagmus and cannot keep her leg up during the one leg stand test. For the Walk and Turn test, she takes 12 steps for the first nine and takes 20 for the second nine without keeping her feet in line. You give her a Breathalyzer test and she blows .00 percent. You continue the evaluation and notices she exhibits a lack of convergence. It takes 60 seconds to estimate 30 seconds and she has a pulse rate of 140 beats per minute.

Do you believe she is under the influence? Why? If so, what drug did she use?

- 4) Scenario Four: You see a male standing at a corner smoking a cigarette. While he continues to stand there, he starts to shake his leg. He balls his fist and begins pacing back and forth. His face begins to exhibit a blank, trance-like expression. The male starts to walk away from the corner and begins to kick nearby fences. As he approaches cars, the male punches his fist through the windows. His hands are bleeding and he proceeds to strip naked. It takes seven officers to take the male into custody. His arms are stiff, rigid and he is unable to communicate with officers.

Do you believe he is under the influence? Why? If so, what drug did he use?

- 5) Scenario 5: You are on patrol and stop a vehicle for blatantly blowing a stop sign during broad daylight. You make contact with the driver and the vehicle is filled with a cologne like fragrance. The driver is a male in his mid-20s. His eyes are reddened and pupils appear normal. You ask for his information and he complies. The male only hands you his insurance and vehicle registration. You have to remind him to give you the driver license as well. He apologizes and complies without a problem. You begin to speak to the male but he seems very forgetful and unable to remember simple parts of the conversation you are having. Something seems off so you decide to conduct a series of sobriety tests. He does not exhibit any signs of horizontal or vertical nystagmus. He does have a lack of convergence. His pulse is 100 beats per minute and his Rhomberg is 60 seconds. You have to constantly remind him the instructions for the walk and turn test. He has a hard time paying attention and repeatedly asks you to remind him of the instructions. He takes 10 steps for the first nine and 7 for the last nine. He completes the one leg stand without a problem. He counts from 75 to 50 and omits letters M, Q and ends with Y instead of Z before correcting himself moments later.

Do you believe he is under the influence? Why? If so, what drug did she use?

- 6) Scenario 6: You are working the graveyard shift and get a radio call for a single vehicle traffic collision. You arrive on scene and find an 18 year-old female standing next to the vehicle with a blank expression. She seems to be staring off into space and unaware of what is happening around her. You speak to her and learn she was the driver of the vehicle. She does not have an odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from her. You use your flashlight and notice her pupils are normal. You check her pulse and notice her skin is hot to the touch. She has a heartbeat of 130 beats per minute. You try to conduct the Romberg test but she zones out again and you are unable to complete the test. Based on the collision and your observations, you decide to conduct a series of SFSTs. She exhibits distinct horizontal and vertical nystagmus along with a lack of convergence. For the walk and turn test, she continues walking for the walk and turn and you have to physically stop her. She begins to zone out and stops communicating with you altogether. Somehow you are able to get her to do a PAS test and she registers .02 percent. A cover officer stands by her while you check the vehicle for additional evidence. The inside of the vehicle is a mess but you find two NyQuil bottles that are completely empty. She does not have any sort of drug paraphernalia either.

Do you believe she is under the influence? Why? If so, what drug did she use?