

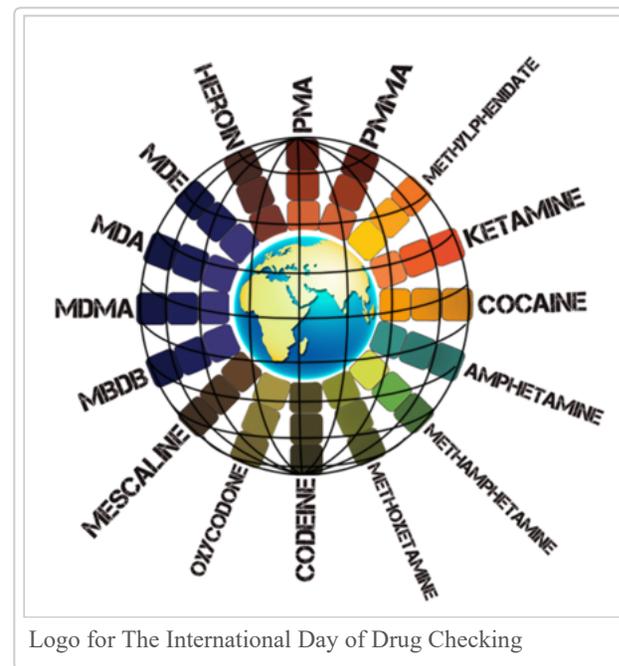
International Day of Drug Checking

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The **International Day of Drug Checking** is an initiative by a diverse group of organizations that all play an active part in the delivery of harm reduction initiatives. With their first event being held on March 31st, 2017, these organizations celebrate and raise awareness of drug checking, which they define as not "only the testing of substances but also hope to remind people to test their knowledge about drugs and their effects."^[1] By raising awareness and sharing knowledge, these organizations hope to improve awareness of ways in which each and every community can reduce these risks.

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History

The International Day of Drug Checking was launched in March 2017 by the team behind ReagentTesting (<http://www.ReagentTesting.com>) which arose from the Reddit [/r/Drugs](http://www.reddit.com/r/drugs) subreddit community (<http://www.reddit.com/r/drugs>). It is part of the broader harm-reduction movement that has emerged in response to the failed policies of global drug prohibition.

Objectives

- **Raise awareness of drug checking as a harm-reduction approach so that more people can have the opportunity to check their drugs to make more informed decisions.** Drawing on a 30 year history of drug checking with well-established test services in the Netherlands, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Germany and France, it promotes the use of **GC/MS** (Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry), **TLC** (Thin Layer Chromatography), **HP-TLC** (High-Performance Thin Layer Chromatography), or **IR** (Infra-red) methods as the most effective means of getting one's drug's tested.
- **Promote the use of personal drug-checking using home reagent testing kits, which are easily attainable online.** Despite the limitations of these testing kits, it still believes that they offer an effective way to reduce the most dangerous risks associated with unidentified drugs and an essential way to introduce people to find out more about the idea of harm reduction and responsible drug use.

How to Participate

- **Tweet, blog, share!** Got an opinion about drug checking in your area? Want to know more? Know people who would benefit from drug checking? Join the conversation with #JustSayKnow #IDCDay2017 #TestIt
- **Visit** <http://www.internationaldrugcheckingday.com> to learn more about the partner organizations and event organizers.
- **Write** an experience report talking about your experience with drug checking or other risk minimization approaches. Learn about how you can win a free EcstasyData GC/MS test and Erowid swag by writing a qualifying report,^[2]

Supporting Organizations

These organisations^[3] have committed to participating.

- Asociación Hegoak Elkartea (SP)
- BAONPS (DE, IT, POR, and SLO)
- Check-in! (POR)
- Crew 2000 (UK)
- Energy Control (SPN)
- Erowid (USA)^[4]
- Erowid's EcstasyData (USA)
- DrogArt (SLO)
- Karmik (CA)
- Lab57 (IT)
- Kosmicare (UK)
- The Loop (UK)
- SIN (P)
- Students for Sensible Drug Policy (IE)
- UNHARM (AUS)

See Also

- Erowid (<https://www.erowid.org/columns/crew/2017/03/international-day-of-drug-checking-mar-31-2017/>)
- Unharm (http://www.unharm.org/drug_checking)
- Dancesafe (<http://www.dancesafe.org>)
- T.E.D.I. network a step forward for European drug checking services (<http://idpc.net/fr/alerts/2013/05/t-e-d-i-network-a-step-forward-for-european-drug-checking-services>)

External links

- International Drug Checking Day (<http://www.internationaldrugcheckingday.com/>)

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- "When I get back from hell again I'm gonna be so elegant the relevance of my benevolence is evident."
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