

# Can a Urine Test Be Positive For Alcohol Without You Actually Consuming It?

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If you constantly apply Purell hand sanitizer and have to participate in frequent drug tests for work, you may want to re-think your actions or you may be penalized for a [California DUI](#) or consuming alcohol even if you haven't had any.

A new study showed participants who applied hand sanitizer, which contains 62% ethyl alcohol, every 5 minutes for 10 hours a day for a total of three days ended up with 4 ounces of alcohol in their system; that's one ounce more than the maximum bottle size you can carry on a plane. Traditional breathalyzer tests, which are often used to determine whether someone has been driving under the influence, cannot pickup the alcohol content; however, a urine test is capable of coming out positive for alcohol in one's system. According to [MSNBC](#), other products such as cough syrup, aftershave and mouthwash all contain alcohol and exposure to these may add to a positive urine test.

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