

Field Sobriety Test in Phoenix, AZ
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A field sobriety test in Phoenix, AZ is when a trained police officer asks a suspect to perform some type of activity and then assesses a suspect's performance to make a decision as to whether or probable cause exists for a [DUI arrest](#). During sobriety field tests, the suspect is not in police custody for Miranda purposes.

One of the main issues with field sobriety testing is that it does not measure intoxication or blood alcohol. This type of test is more of an exercise that indicates physical performance and mental function, such as a person's balance, coordination and memory. However, since there can be a connection between alcohol and the aforementioned types of physical performance and mental function, a suspect's poor test performance could reflect intoxication. The important thing to keep in mind is that ultimately, field sobriety testing does not measure intoxication or blood alcohol level, so other factors that can cause poor performance should be taken into account if a suspect failed this type of test.

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