

POLICY # & TITLE	8.4 Spoiled Screens
<b>PURPOSE</b>	Describe the situations constituting a spoiled screen and the actions to be taken in the event of a spoiled screen
<b>SCOPE</b>	All laboratory specimens that are considered invalid after receipt by the University of Alberta Toxicology Laboratory
<b>NOTES</b>	<p>A spoiled screen is a collected specimen that is considered invalid after receipt by the University of Alberta Toxicology Lab for one or more of the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requisition is missing or does not have all the information required: participant’s ID number, date of collection, time of collection, collection locator code, collector’s initials, temperature, participant’s declared medications</li> <li>• Vial label is missing or does not have all the information required: participant’s ID number, date of collection, time of collection</li> <li>• Vial has not been secured and has leaked in transit</li> <li>• Specimen has been in transit between the collection location and the toxicology lab for more than seven (7) days</li> </ul>

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### POLICY STATEMENT

In the event of a spoiled screen, the following actions may be considered by the Program Manager responsible for the CPSA biological monitoring program:

- 1) Contacting the participant to discuss whether any problems arose during specimen collection they are aware of, and/or collection of another specimen
- 2) Contacting the collection site to ensure the specimen collection protocol was adhered to and was understood by their collectors.
- 3) Other actions as deemed appropriate

### RESPONSIBILITIES

The Registrar is given the authority to determine competence, including continuing competence of regulated members. The HPA allows the Registrar to delegate functions and duties to another person or committee. The Registrar’s duties and responsibility under Part

3 of the HPA have been delegated to the Assistant Registrar(s) and/or Competence Committee responsible for continuing competence, including physician health monitoring.

### **APPROVAL**

Council governing the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta

### **AUTHORITY DOCUMENTS**

- [Health Professions Act](#)
- [CPSA Bylaws](#)
- [CPSA's Standards of Practice](#)
- [Code of Ethics & Professionalism](#)