

NEWS IN BRIEF

Substance abuse hair test

Hair testing kits that reveal whether someone is a drug or alcohol abuser are being touted to the motor insurance market by a London-based company. Trimega Laboratories has bought the licence for the kits from a German company, and is already selling the product to the commercial aviation, midwifery and legal services sectors. The company hopes the test kits will be adopted by the insurance industry and claims the product could reduce motor premiums by proving commercial drivers are not alcohol or drug abusers.

Trimega managing director Avi Lasarow said the hair samples provide an accurate historical record of any alcohol or drugs dependency over a three to twelve-month period. He added: "Recent advances in scientific research have now cleared the way for us to pass on the benefits of hair testing to the fleet insurance market."