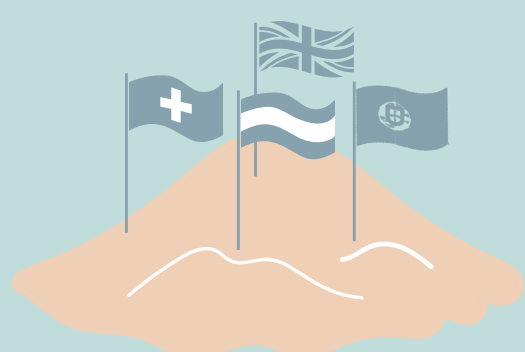


# PILL TESTING\* EXPLAINED:

\*'Pill Testing' is the drug-checking health service where people go to test their drugs

## MAKING BETTER-INFORMED DECISIONS



Pill testing has been available in more than a dozen countries for decades



About 9 million Australians have used an illegal drug before, despite being told 'Just Say No'

There's a range of methods & technologies used by 'pill testing' or 'drug checking' services around the world. From basic instant reagent colour tests to large lab-based tech that can provide a comprehensive summary in a day

RESULTS	
KETAMINE	
AMPHETAMINE	
ECSTASY	
2 AMINOINDANE	
RITALIN	
PMA/PMMA	



## Our Tech

The Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) is a commonly used machine for pill testing services at events, as it's reasonably small & robust and rapid with results

The FTIR provides a sample's identity or fingerprint that can be used to identify drugs.

If a sample is a mix of substances, the FTIR can recognise this. However, the more that is in the mix, the harder to match the prints.



The FTIR can reliably distinguish between closely related drugs (like MDA, MDMA or MDEA) and identify substitution by other drugs such as cathinones



FTIR cannot tell you everything about a drug – there could be harmful components that are too minor in quantity or new to identify



There's lots of drug myths out there and some about pill testing too

So if I get a drug tested & it's what I was looking for, it's safe to take?

No. There's always a risk involved when you use drugs



## Brief Intervention

### Pill Testing is not enough

A 'Brief Intervention' or open conversation with a professional or peer health worker in a pill testing service can enable you to make more informed decisions for your health. Drug related risk & harm is due to multiple factors: your mind + body health ('Set'), environmental factors ('Setting') & drug. You can learn harm reduction strategies to reduce the harms associated with drug use.

