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Drug-driving laws will send 'strong message' to motorists

Laws which allow the random drug testing of motorists will be introduced into New South Wales Parliament today.

The on-the-spot saliva tests will be able to detect speed, cannabis and ecstasy.

The new legislation will also force all drivers involved in fatal accidents to undergo compulsory blood testing.

Roads Minister Eric Roozendaal says offenders will face fines of just over \$2,000 and their licences will be suspended.

"Unfortunately, research indicates around 24 per cent of drivers that die in New South Wales have some sort of drugs in their system and that's why we need to send a strong message that if you drive under the influence of drugs, you'll be caught," he said.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200609/s1743989.htm>