

**NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION STANDARD STATEMENT
FOR OPERATORS OF VESSELS - N.J.S.A. 12:7-55e**

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**THE ARRESTING OFFICER MUST READ THE FOLLOWING TO THE DEFENDANT:
FULL TEXT OF STANDARD STATEMENT FOLLOWS:**

1. You have been arrested for operating a vessel while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs or with a blood alcohol concentration at, or above, that permitted by law.
2. The law requires you to submit to the taking of samples of your breath for the purpose of making chemical tests to determine the content of alcohol in your blood.
3. A record of the taking of the samples, including the date, time, and results, will be made. Upon your request, a copy of that record will be made available to you.
4. Any warnings previously given to you concerning your right to remain silent, and your right to consult with an attorney, do not apply to the taking of breath samples, and do not give you the right to refuse to give, or to delay giving, samples of your breath for the purpose of making chemical tests to determine the content of alcohol in your blood. You have no legal right to have an attorney, physician, or anyone else present, for the purpose of taking the breath samples.
5. After you have provided samples of your breath for chemical testing, at your own expense, you have the right to have a person or physician of your own selection, take independent samples and conduct independent chemical tests of your breath, urine, or blood.
6. If you refuse to provide samples of your breath you will be issued a separate summons for this refusal.
7. Any response from you that is ambiguous or conditional, in any respect, to your giving consent to the taking of breath samples will be treated as a refusal to submit to breath testing.
8. If a court of law finds you guilty of refusing to submit to chemical tests of your breath, then the court will: revoke your right to operate a power vessel or a vessel with a length of 12 feet or more for a period of no less than 1 year and no more than 10 years; revoke your license to operate a motor vehicle for a period of no less than 7 months, but no more than 10 years; and require you to complete a boat safety course before your boating privilege can be restored. Failure to complete the boat safety course will result in the immediate or continued revocation of your boating privilege. The Court will also fine you a sum of no less than \$300 and no more than \$1,000 for your refusal conviction.
9. Any suspension or revocation of your boating privilege for a refusal conviction may be independent of any suspension or revocation imposed for any related offense.
10. If you are convicted of refusing to submit to chemical tests of your breath, you will be referred, by the Court, to an Intoxicated Driver Resource Center, and you will be required to satisfy the requirements of that Center in the same manner as if you had been convicted of a violation of N.J.S.A. 12:7-46, or you will be subject to penalties for your failure to do so.
11. I repeat, you are required by law to submit to the taking of samples of your breath for the purpose of making chemical tests to determine the content of alcohol in your blood. Now, will you submit the samples of your breath?

Answer: _____

(ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR POLICE OFFICER)

IF THE PERSON: REMAINS SILENT; OR STATES, OR OTHERWISE INDICATES, THAT HE/SHE REFUSES TO ANSWER ON THE GROUNDS THAT HE/SHE HAS A RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT, OR WISHES TO CONSULT AN ATTORNEY, PHYSICIAN, OR ANY OTHER PERSON; OR IF THE RESPONSE IS AMBIGUOUS OR CONDITIONAL, IN ANY RESPECT WHATSOEVER, THEN THE POLICE OFFICER SHALL READ THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL STATEMENT:

FULL TEXT OF ADDITIONAL STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

I previously informed you that the warnings given to you concerning your right to remain silent and your right to consult with an attorney, do not apply to the taking of breath samples and do not give you a right to refuse to give, or to delay giving, samples of your breath for the purpose of making chemical tests to determine the content of alcohol in your blood. Your prior response, silence, or lack of response, is unacceptable. If you do not agree, unconditionally, to provide breath samples now, then you will be issued a separate summons charging you with refusing to submit to the taking of samples of your breath for the purpose of making chemical tests to determine the content of alcohol in your blood.

Once again, I ask you, will you submit to giving samples of your breath?

Answer: _____