



# SCRAM<sub>x</sub>

## Programs for Pretrial Release

### Meeting the Needs of Pretrial Services

Following arraignment, an alcohol-involved defendant is on hold while awaiting trial – but his or her addiction is not. Because monetary bonds alone are not sufficient to protect public safety, many pretrial services officials address this dilemma by using SCRAM<sub>x</sub><sup>®</sup> (Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor) to ensure sobriety while the defendant is out on bail.

For pretrial officers, SCRAM<sub>x</sub> provides evidence-based verification of a defendant's willingness to comply with the conditions of release, giving you additional insight into the pattern and level of addiction as well as substantiation of the recommendations that you supply to the court.

By removing alcohol from the equation, SCRAM<sub>x</sub> restores clear thinking and enables the defendant to better prepare for court. SCRAM<sub>x</sub> also builds in the option of house arrest to give you additional assurance that the defendant will appear in court at the appointed time and will not reoffend in the interim.

### The SCRAM<sub>x</sub> Advantage for Pretrial Officers

- **Risk Assessment**  
Assesses drinking patterns, alcohol dependency, and defendant risk levels
- **Enforceable Accountability**  
Ensures evidence-based compliance with court-ordered terms of abstinence
- **Public Protection**  
Promotes sobriety and helps non-violent defendants behave responsibly while awaiting trial
- **Jail Overcrowding**  
Frees up jail space and provides an effective alternative to pretrial detention
- **Pretrial Intervention**  
Detects if the defendant drinks prior to trial to facilitate early intervention
- **Cost Reduction**  
Saves taxpayer dollars with defendant-paid fees and avoidance of incarceration costs
- **Case Management**  
Provides exception-based reports to focus supervision efforts on defendants who need it most
- **Court Support and Validation**  
Assures monitoring results, with SCRAM<sub>x</sub> data upheld in 75+ evidentiary hearings and two Appellate Court decisions

*Alcohol misuse is a factor in 40% of crimes awaiting adjudication. For pretrial officers, continuous alcohol monitoring keeps this abuse in check by holding defendants accountable, preserving their rights, and protecting the community.*

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# continuous alcohol monitoring + house arrest



## Who Is Monitored by SCRAM<sub>x</sub>

### Continuous Alcohol Monitoring (CAM)

- First-time DUI defendants (with aggravated circumstances)
- Repeat alcohol defendants on bond awaiting trial
- Felony defendants ordered to pretrial terms of alcohol abstinence
- Domestic violence defendants
- Underage drinking defendants

### Alcohol Monitoring plus House Arrest

- Non-violent defendants who can serve pretrial periods at home to ease jail overcrowding
- Technical, drinking, or tampering violators who need additional sanctions
- Higher-risk defendants who may pose a threat to public safety

## SCRAM<sub>x</sub> in the Real World

### SCRAM<sub>x</sub> Adjustable Contingency Model™ in Action

- Respond to a defendant's behavior – swiftly, appropriately, and remotely
- Gradually intensify or reduce the conditions of CAM and/or house arrest to sanction noncompliance and reward compliance
- Generate more productive outcomes and reduce recidivism

### Case Study

*Tom has been charged with driving while intoxicated and resisting arrest. During the pretrial screening, you learn that Tom has prior convictions for alcohol-aggravated assault, drug possession, and another DUI. He has been in both inpatient and outpatient substance abuse treatment for his primary alcohol addiction.*

*Based on Tom's head-of-household status and your assessment that there is no risk of failure to appear in court, you recommend supervised pretrial release following your investigation. Tom is ordered to wear SCRAM<sub>x</sub> for alcohol monitoring in addition to drug testing and treatment.*

*In the first 30 days, Tom reports consistently to work and treatment as ordered, and tests negative for drug use. However, SCRAM<sub>x</sub> confirms two drinking events, indicating that he has violated his terms of alcohol abstinence – in both cases, during late-night hours.*

*With Tom's trial still a month away, you order additional conditions of house arrest. The SCRAM<sub>x</sub> system enables you to set up Tom's schedule parameters remotely, without requiring his presence in your office. From now until his court date, Tom is only authorized to leave his house to report to work and treatment counseling.*

*As an incentive, you inform Tom that if he complies with the conditions of house arrest, your jurisdiction will count this as credit for time served if he is sentenced to jail time at his trial. Tom subsequently complies with all terms of supervision, and is drug- and alcohol-free when he makes his appearance in court.*

**INTENSIFY**

*Intensify the conditions of CAM and/or house arrest for built-in sanctioning options*

**REDUCE**

*Reduce or remove the conditions of CAM and/or house arrest to provide incentives*



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