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## DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ADVISOR

AN ONGOING SERIES TO PROTECT YOUR COMPANY BY HELPING TO KEEP DRUGS OUT OF YOUR WORKPLACE.

### Should Your Company Test for Alcohol?

With the heavy partying of the holiday season now behind us, it seems an appropriate time to examine the topic of alcohol testing. You probably know that American



Drug Testing offers a broad range of employment safety services ranging from drug testing to background checks. But you may not know that we also offer a variety of solutions for alcohol testing.

#### Alcohol Abuse by the Numbers

The length of time that alcohol will stay in the human body depends largely on the individual's physical makeup. Generally it remains detectable for between 1 and 12

hours after consumption. According to the American Council for Drug Education, employees who abuse drugs or alcohol are:

- 10 times more likely to miss work

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- Nearly four times as likely to be involved in on-the-job accidents
- Five times more likely to file a workers' compensation claim
- Responsible for 40% of all industrial fatalities
- 33% less productive than co-workers
- At risk for health-care costs that are three times as high as those of their co-workers



Problems at work are not the only negative repercussion of alcohol abuse. The dangers associated with operating a vehicle under the influence are obvious and well documented. The National Highway Traf-

fic Safety Association collected some striking statistics from 2006:

- There were 17,602 alcohol-related fatalities - 41 % of the total traffic fatalities for the year.
- An estimated 13.3 % of persons aged 12 or older drove under the influence of alcohol or an illicit drug at least once in the past year. This corresponds to about 31.7 million persons.
- Male drivers involved in fatal motor vehicle crashes are nearly twice as likely as female drivers to be intoxicated with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08% or greater.

American Drug Testing is in the business of helping you acquire and sustain a safe and healthy workforce during the holiday season and all year long. If that means ensuring that your staff is not under the influence at work, or if a drug-testing policy dissuades employees from making irresponsible and unsafe decisions, then your partnership with us becomes instantly valuable.

#### Alcohol Testing Options

At American Drug Testing we offer two different alcohol-testing alternatives:

- The first option is a **laboratory-based**

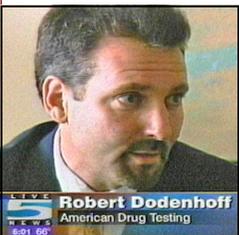


**test.** Our lab-based alcohol test can be conducted on both urine and blood specimens.

- Available in DOT and non-DOT versions, the **Instant Breath Alcohol** test is a simple-to-use, on-site device that measures alcohol levels from just one deep breath, providing results within two minutes.

For additional tips, see the “client area” at [www.AmericanDrugTesting.net](http://www.AmericanDrugTesting.net) or call 843-747-4111.

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