

LABORATORY SERVICES FOR OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED VIOLATIONS

Background

The Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene provides blood collection kits for Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) offenses. Although address labels for the WSLH are included in the kits, the samples must be sent to the appropriate laboratory depending on the nature of the offense.

Where to Send Blood Samples

Non-felony OWI Offenses (1st through 3rd offense): Blood samples must be sent to the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH).*

**Other laboratories that are certified to perform Implied Consent Alcohol testing may be available in certain jurisdictions.*

Felony OWI Offenses: Blood samples should be sent to the State Crime Laboratory in Madison or Milwaukee. This includes all 4th and higher OWI offenses as well as homicide and injury OWI (940.09 (1)a-d, 940.25 Wis.Stats.) cases.

Non-OWI Felony Offenses: Blood samples for all non-OWI cases must be sent to the State Crime Laboratory in Madison or Milwaukee. These samples will be re-directed to the appropriate laboratory if sent to the WSLH.

Firearms: Blood samples for all intoxicated use of a firearm violations must be sent to the appropriate Crime Laboratory.

Drug Possession: Call the appropriate Crime Laboratory to determine if the blood sample will be accepted for analysis. The WSLH will not perform testing in support of drug possession charges.

Bail-jumping:

Felony: Send to the appropriate Crime Laboratory.

Misdemeanor: WSLH will perform alcohol testing for a fee.

Please contact the appropriate laboratory listed below if you have any questions:

Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene Toxicology Section

2601 Agriculture Drive
Madison, WI 53718-6780
(608) 224-6241

Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory- Madison

4626 University Avenue
Madison, WI 53705
(608) 266-2031

Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory- Milwaukee

1578 S 11th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53204-2860
(414) 382-7500

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