





# SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN THE WORKPLACE

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## **ABOUT TEAM COMPANIES**



## **BUSINESSES, CONTRACTORS, & EMPLOYEES:**

Our solutions for employee screening and contractor management solve many industry challenges independently. Together, they provide the ultimate safeguard against the dangers of substance use, workplace incidence, unnecessary costs, inefficiencies, and more.



## Monitoring drug and alcohol compliance works.

- All-in-one auditing service
- Ensures contractors maintain compliance with federal and hiring client safety regulations



## Complete program management.

- Full-service Third-Party
   Administrator (TPA) for workplace
   drug and alcohol testing programs
- Backed by nearly 30 years of experience in employment eligibility and compliance



## **Background screening solutions built for you.**

- Innovative software, quality products, and live, locally-based researchers
- Makes screening your employees faster and easier than ever

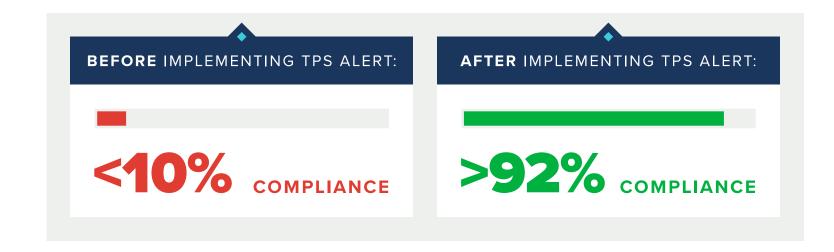


## **OPERATORS:** WHY TPS ALERT?

Upon initial enrollment, our audits reveal that 90% of contractors are *not* in compliance with client- or federally-mandated testing requirements.

- NO PRE-EMPLOYMENT TESTING
- INSUFFICIENT FEDERAL TESTING
- NON-COMPLIANT TESTING PANELS
- NO TESTING PROGRAM IN PLACE

After implementing TPS Alert, contractors' drug and alcohol program compliance rates increase to over 92%.





TPS Alert is a **fully-integrated data partner** with both ISNetworld and Veriforce.





## **CONTRACTORS:** WHY TPS ALERT?



- Focus on meaningful requirements rather than creating hurdles
- Provide the rationale behind specific requirements and give reasonable deadlines for making changes
- Help contractors understand exactly what steps they need to take to become compliant

## FLEXIBLE & RELIABLE

Administrator
(TPA) of your choice or use TEAM as your
TPA and our experts will take the work off your plate.



## THE TPS ALERT AUDIT PROCESS

#### **OUR AUDITS ENSURE AND SUPPORT:**

- Drug and alcohol testing at required intervals
- Accordance with DOT and client-specific requirements
- Medical Review Officer (MRO) and HHS lab certification
- Enforcement of Zero-Tolerance policies and Return-to-Work programs



**ENROLLMENT** AUDIT



**COMPLIANCE** AUDIT



STATISTICAL DATA
AUDIT



**ROSTER** UPDATE



**ON-SITE** CHECK



QA AUDIT





## THE NEED FOR DRUG TESTING

Recent trends and insights from the latest workplace drug testing data.

# THE REAL COST OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN THE WORKPLACE

63% of admitted illegal drug users in the U.S. are employed; 44% are employed full-time.

The latest research on employment costs and data from

the **National** 

Survey on Drug
Use and Health

(NSDUH) tells us how much substance

use in your

workforce could cost

your company

annually:

#### Two weeks

more missed workdays per year

**40%** more likely to have more than one employer in a year

3.6x more likely to have an on-site accident

3x higher health benefit usage

\$70K
IN LOST TIME

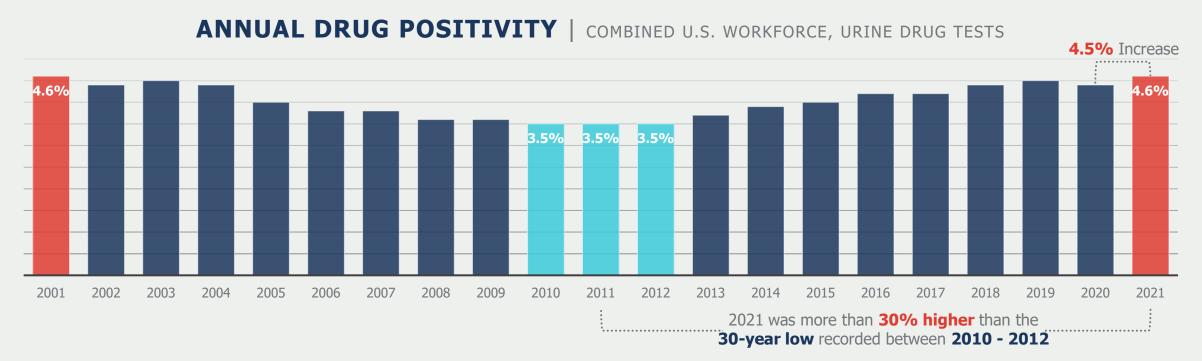
\$100K
IN TURNOVER
AND TRAINING

\$80K
IN MEDICAL
COSTS



## DRUG POSITIVITY HITS HIGHEST LEVEL IN TWO DECADES

In 2021, the **overall positivity rate** for the Combined U.S. Workforce climbed to **4.6%** a 31.4% increase from the all-time low 10 years ago (2010-2012), and a 4.5% increase from 2020.

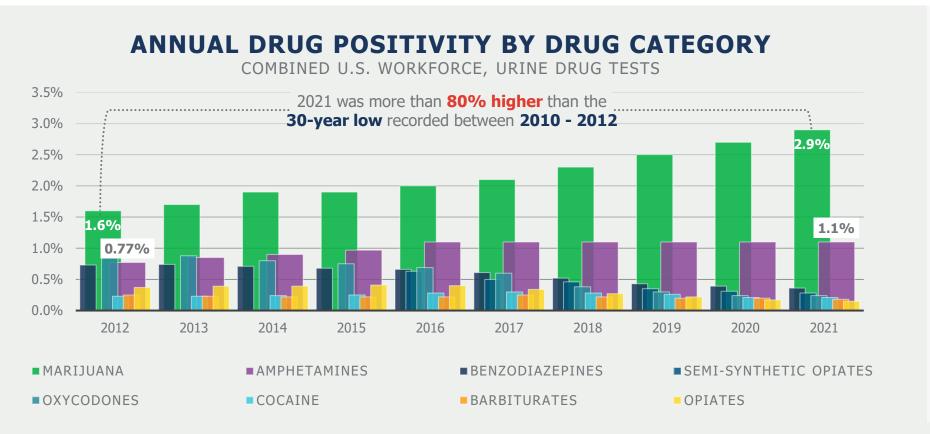




### MARIJUANA POSITIVITY

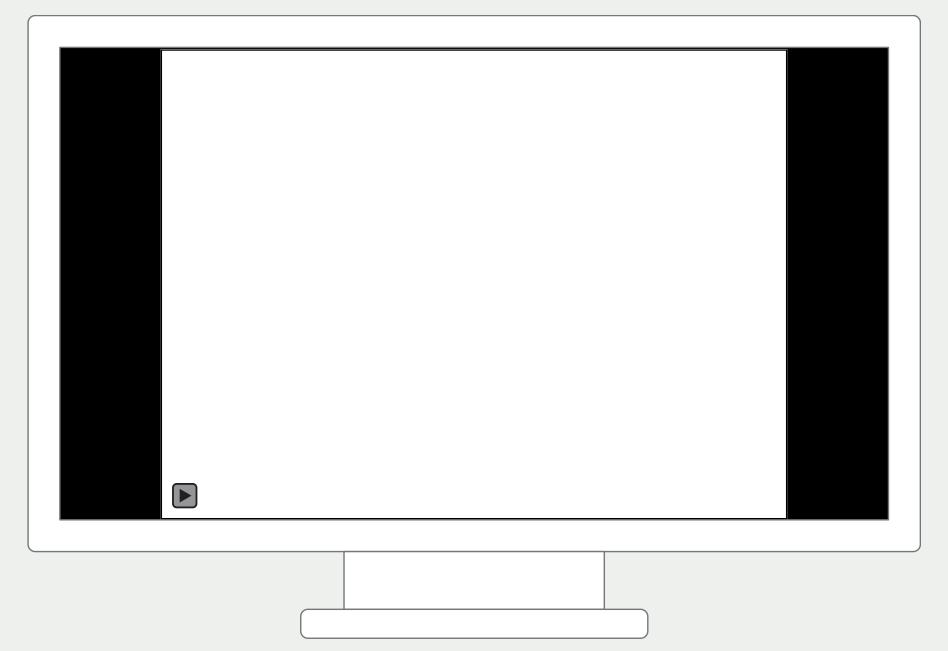
## **CONTINUES UPWARD CLIMB**

**Marijuana** and **Amphetamines** remain the most common drugs detected—an **8-year trend.** 

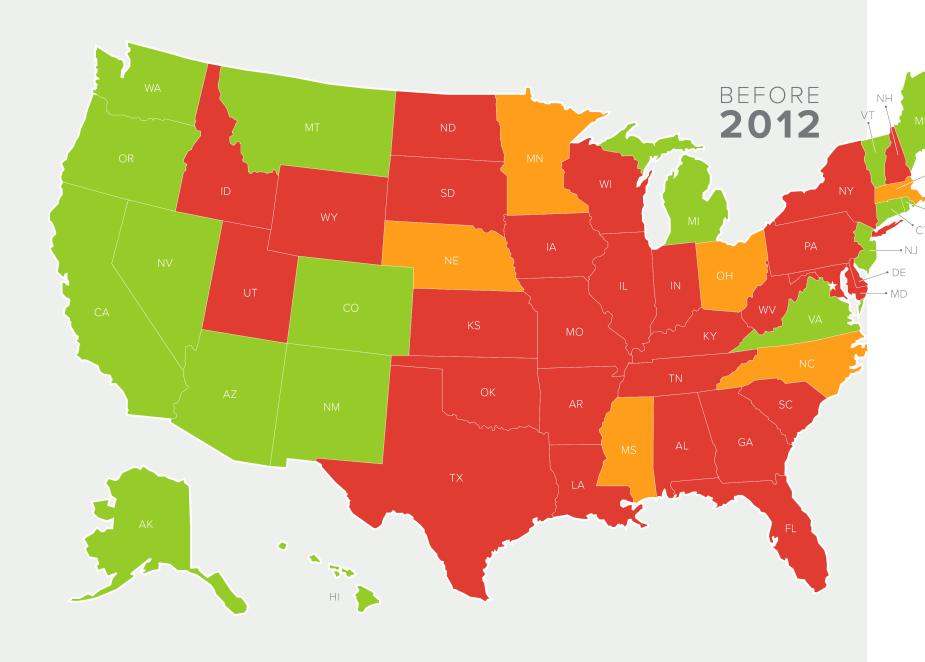


Since the first state legalized recreational marijuana use in 2012, the drug's positivity rate has increased by

81.3%







MARIJUANA LEGALIZATIO N

IN THE U.S. Fully Legalized

Medical Use Legalized,
Recreational Use Decriminalized

**Medical Use Legalized** 

**CBD Oil Legalized** 

**Illegal but Decriminalized** 

**Fully Illegal** 

#### POST-ACCIDENT POSITIVITY

## SKYROCKETS SINCE LEGALIZATION

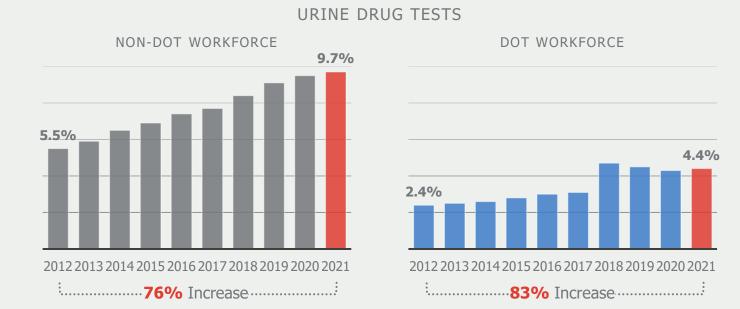
The positivity rate for **Post-Accident drug tests** has also increased at an alarming rate since

76.4% in the General
 U.S. Workforce (non-DOT)

legalization began in 2012:

 83.3% in the Federally-Mandated, Safety-Sensitive Workforce (DOT)

#### POST-ACCIDENT DRUG POSITIVITY BY EMPLOYEE GROUP



While urine drug testing cannot determine whether an individual is under the influence or impaired at the time of test, our post-accident data suggests that [drug] use may play a role in those workplace incidents prompting a drug test.



## TESTING METHODS COMPARED

Positivity rates for **Hair** and **Oral Fluid** drug tests are consistently higher than **Urine** drug tests.

By nature, these types of tests are always performed under observation.

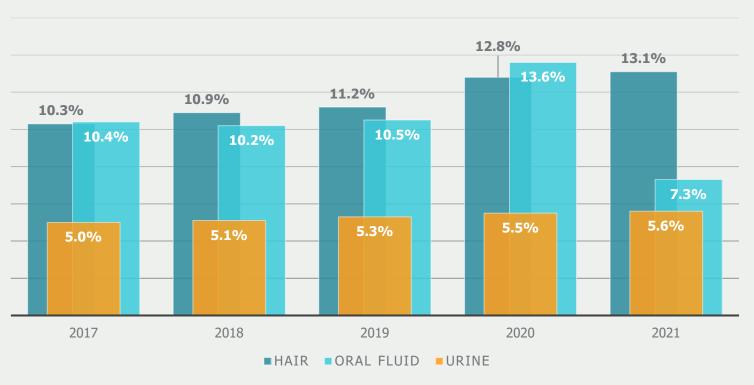
This prevents the ability of a donor to provide a false specimen, which results in a more effective test overall.

#### **DETECTION WINDOWS:**

- **Oral Fluid:** within minutes; up to 48 hours
- **Urine:** previous 24-72 hours
- Hair: 90 days

#### ANNUAL DRUG POSITIVITY BY TESTING METHOD

NON-DOT WORKFORCE



## THE DANGERS OF DELTA-8 THC

Delta-8 THC, the newest marijuana product on the market, reportedly provides a **gentler high** that offers relaxation and pain relief without the more distressing psychomotor symptoms caused by using regular marijuana—and it's currently legal.

#### IS IT DANGEROUS?

It still causes many symptoms that make marijuana use dangerous to safety-sensitive environments:

- Difficulty concentrating
- Poor short-term memory
- Delayed reaction time
- Impaired motor skills

#### **CAN YOU TEST FOR IT?**

With current drug testing technology, Delta-8 will cause a **positive** test result for THC upon *initial* screening.

However, it is **not** detectable at the more specific confirmation level without heavy modifications.

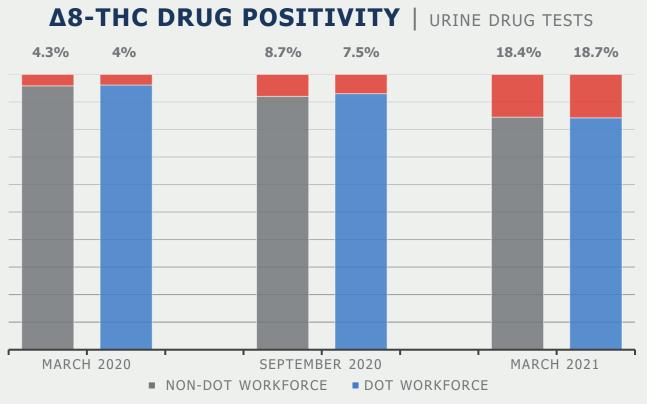
#### THE PROBLEM:

Drug tests will ultimately be reported as **negative**, granting users of Delta-8 access to worksites and jeopardizing the safety of themselves and others.



## **DELTA-8 THC** GROWS IN POPULARITY

A recent study by Clinical Reference Laboratory re-tested a selection of urine samples that were **positive** for marijuana during the initial screening but reported **negative** after confirmation, to look for traces of Delta-8 THC.



Over the one-year between March 2020 and March 2021, the positivity rate for Delta-8 increased exponentially.

- Rates nearly **doubled** after 6 months, and more than **doubled** again after 1 year.
- The General U.S. Workforce (non-DOT) showed a nearly 350% overall increase.
- The Safety-Sensitive Workforce (DOT) showed an over 370% overall increase.

## OVERDOSE DEATHS HIT AN ALL-TIME-HIGH

#### **Annual overdose deaths** in the U.S. hit an all-time high in 2021—more than 107k reported at year-end.

Though available data for 2022 shows a slight decrease, it still represents a 43% increase since before the COVID-19 pandemic and a **93% increase** since 2015.

#### YEAR-END OVERDOSE DEATHS | UNITED STATES

In 2021, 107,573 drug overdose deaths occurred in the United States.

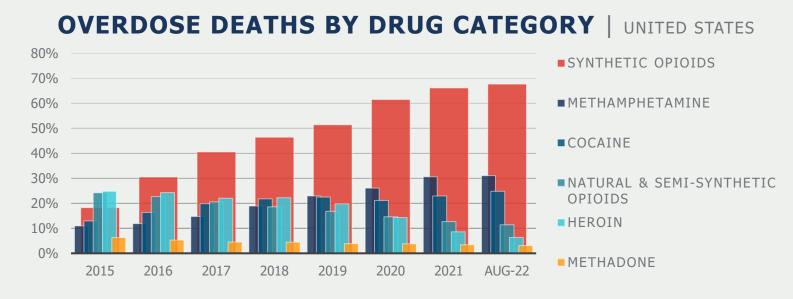




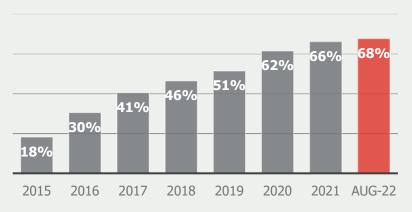
## ILLICIT FENTANYL CONTINUES TO DRIVE OVERDOSE DEATHS

Synthetic Opioids—primarily **non-prescribed Fentanyl**—are the **primary driver** of overdose deaths in the U.S., often in combination with other drugs like cocaine and heroin.

As of August 2022, Synthetic Opioids accounted for 68% of all overdose deaths, an all-time-high.



#### **OVERDOSE DEATHS CONTAINING FENTANYL**



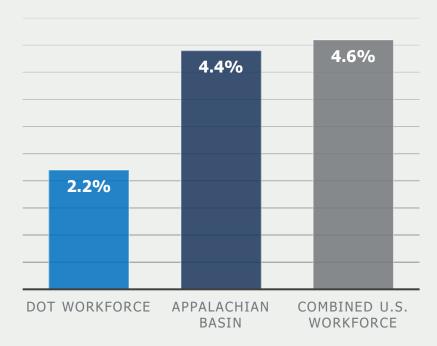


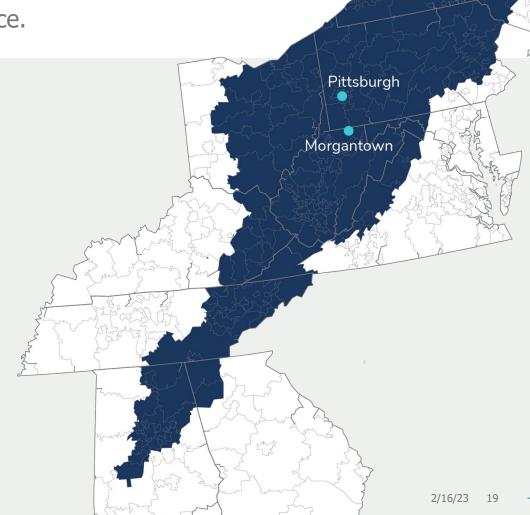
## REGIONAL TRENDS: APPALACHIAN BASIN

In 2021, the **overall positivity rate** for the Appalachian Basin region was **4.4%** — **nearly double** the rate of the Safety-Sensitive (DOT) Workforce.

#### **2021 DRUG POSITIVITY**

APPALACHIAN BASIN VS. NATIONAL AVERAGE

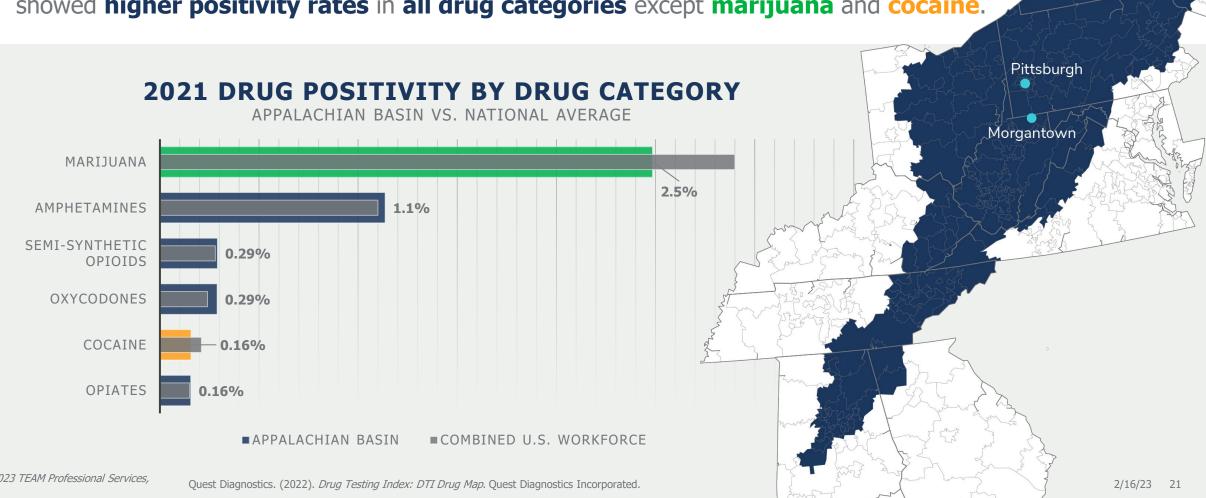




#### REGIONAL TRENDS: APPALACHIAN BASIN The Appalachian Basin region also showed **higher positivity rates** than the Safety-Sensitive workforce (DOT) in all drug categories except cocaine. Pittsburgh **2021 DRUG POSITIVITY BY DRUG CATEGORY** APPALACHIAN BASIN VS. DOT AVERAGE Morgantown 2.5% MARIJUANA 1.1% **AMPHETAMINES SEMI-SYNTHETIC** 0.29% **OPIOIDS OXYCODONES** 0.29% COCAINE 0.16% OPIATES 0.16% ■APPALACHIAN BASIN ■DOT WORKFORCE

## REGIONAL TRENDS: APPALACHIAN BASIN

Compared to the Combined U.S. national average, the Appalachian Basin region showed **higher positivity rates** in **all drug categories** except **marijuana** and **cocaine**.



# THE IMPORTANCE OF DRUG TESTING & HOW TEAM CAN HELP

### DRUG TESTING IS HIGHLY PREDICTIVE OF

## SAFETY PERFORMANCE

The Construction Safety Research Alliance (CSRA) is group of industry leaders and experienced scientists on a mission to prevent serious incidents and fatalities through transformative research and defendable science.

Recently, the CSRA collected data on a massive transit project, and using predictive analytics found that

## **Frequency of Drug Testing**

was among the

## **TOP FIVE BEST PREDICTORS**

of workplace incidents and fatalities.

1. Contractor Safety Audits

## 2. Frequency of Drug Tests

- 3. Frequency of Pre-Job Safety Meetings
- 4. Frequency of Safety Observations
- 5. Rate of Site Inductions



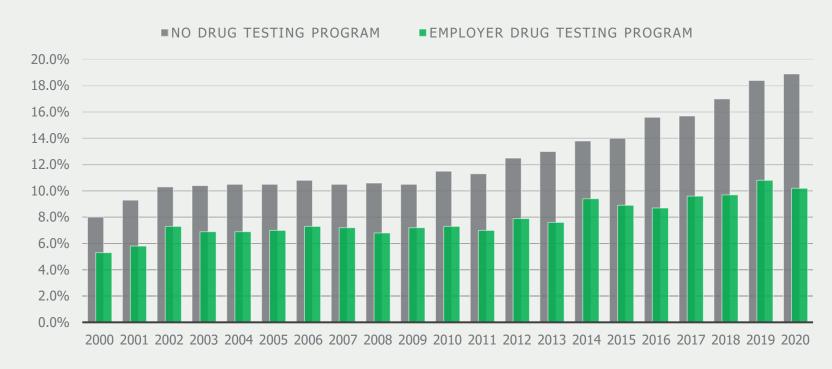
## REGULAR TESTING DETERS ILLICIT DRUG USERS

According to the most recent National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), 1 in 7 of American adults admit to using illicit drugs in the past month.



#### ILLICIT DRUG USE IN PAST MONTH | GENERAL U.S. POPULATION

Data also shows that individuals who work for employers with a **Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Program** *in* place are nearly 50% less likely to using illicit drugs.





## 5 STEPS FOR WORKPLACE SAFETY

The most important and impactful step you can take to create and foster a safe workplace is to maintain a comprehensive drug and alcohol testing program backed by clear, enforceable expectations.

#### STEP 1:

Develop and maintain a written policy and enforce it through regular compliance monitoring.

#### STEP 2:

**Educate your employees** on the dangers of substance abuse in the workplace.

#### **STEP 3:**

Train your leadership team to recognize the symptoms and behaviors putting your workplace at risk.

#### **STEP 4:**

Run background checks to protect against workplace violence, theft, fraud, and increased liability.

#### **STEP 5:**

Implement
regular,
unplanned
testing to support
your preemployment
screening efforts.

## YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR PRIORITY

WE'RE HERE TO QUALIFY

CONTRACTORS—
NOT
DISQUALIFY.

All phone lines, inboxes, and chat feeds are actively monitored by live, locally-based agents

We **prioritize**your time and stay
prepared to provide
fast, friendly support
when you need it.

Our TEAM is
highly-trained and
knowledgeable in
all our products and
services, ensuring
relevant support no
matter the topic.

4.9 OUT OF 5

AVERAGE CHAT RATING

**15** SEC.

AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME

7 MIN.

AVERAGE CHAT DURATION





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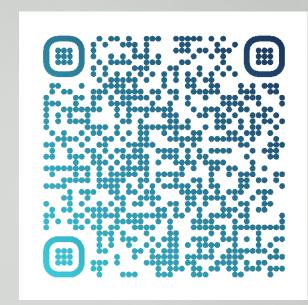
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