



FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND TECHNOLOGY DETECTS RECENT CANNABIS USE

Breathalyzer test available through ARCpoint Labs of Milwaukee North

BROOKFIELD, WI (Feb. 1, 2024) — ARCpoint Labs of Milwaukee North is now offering a safe, fairer way to test for on-the-job marijuana use with the HOUND® CANNABIS BREATHALYZER, a first-of-its-kind technology that limits the detection of THC to just a few hours after use.

With a more accurate picture of an individual’s cannabis use, the breathalyzer can be used in conjunction with company policies for pre-employment, random and post-incident tests. “Our technology gives employers a valuable way to navigate the laws around cannabis,” says Vince Bonomo, Senior Business Development Manager for Hound Labs, which developed the new technology. “Even if an employer opts not to screen pre-employment, this gives them a fair, objective, and accurate deterrence mechanism post-employment.”

Using conventional testing, an employee can potentially test positive even if they used marijuana days, weeks, or months prior to the test. Usage could have occurred in one of three neighboring states where recreational marijuana use is legal. And there is no established impairment level for THC — the psychoactive compound in cannabis — like there is for blood alcohol content. So, local employers have faced decisions about how to promote a safe and secure workplace while balancing a confusing mix of state laws and potentially unfair testing systems.

The process of using ARCpoint to administer the HOUND® CANNABIS BREATHALYZER test is a simple one:

- ARCpoint conducts the test either at its Brookfield location or at the workplace.
- The donor breathes into a disposable mouthpiece attached to a handheld cartridge for two to three minutes.
- The single-use cartridge automatically captures a breath sample needed for testing.
- ARCpoint ships the cartridge to a partner lab for processing.
- The employer can use a web-based portal to monitor the status of the sample, including the date and time of sample collection, arrival at lab, and result.

Even though recreational marijuana use remains illegal in Wisconsin, employers in this state are grappling with the consequences of growing cannabis use nationwide. As of January 2023, it was estimated that [three out of every 10 Wisconsin adults](#) were living within an hour’s drive of a legal marijuana dispensary. The [State of Illinois collected \\$36 million in taxes](#) from Wisconsin residents purchasing marijuana there in 2022.

“Employers have needed a fairer, more effective way to monitor unsafe marijuana use,” said Alan Wedal, President and Owner of ARCpoint Labs of Milwaukee North. “The HOUND® CANNABIS BREATHALYZER is a big step toward improving safety and security in workplaces. We’re excited to offer this service to our clients.”

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