

## Laboratory Services for OWI Violations/Blood Samples

### Background

The Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH) 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 may be sent to the State Crime Laboratory in your service area (Madison, Milwaukee or Wausau). 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. Prior to submission, there needs to be a charged offense. WSLH will accept felony OWI blood samples as well.

**Traffic Incidents:** Blood samples must be sent to the WSLH for fatal or non-fatal incidents that do not have a felony criminal charge actively being pursued (i.e. 'clear the driver' case, driver has not been charged prior to submission or will be charged pending laboratory results)

**Non-OWI Felony Offenses:** Blood samples for all non-OWI cases must be sent to the State Crime Laboratory in your service area. These samples will be redirected to the appropriate laboratory if sent to the WSLH.

**Firearms:** Blood samples for all intoxicated use of firearm violations must be sent to the State Crime Laboratory in your service area.

**Drug Possession:** Call the Crime Laboratories in Madison or Milwaukee 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 or misdemeanor: The State Crime Laboratory in your service area will accept these samples.

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

**Madison Laboratory**  
4626 University Avenue  
Madison, WI 53705  
608-266-2031  
608-267-1303 fax

**Milwaukee Laboratory**  
1578 S 11th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53204  
414-382-7500  
414-382-7507 fax

**Wausau Laboratory**  
7100 Stewart Ave  
Wausau, WI 54401  
715-845-8626  
715-848-5833 fax

**WI State Lab of Hygiene  
Toxicology Section**  
2601 Agriculture Drive  
Madison, WI 53718-6780  
(608) 224-6241