

Pioneering Soberlink Technology Offers Stunningly Accurate Alcohol Testing Results for Family Law Matters

It is a common precedent, regardless of the state, to place the welfare of children above all else in typical Family Law cases. That means that their safety and well-being should come first and foremost, regardless of the innate parental rights exercised in Family Court. In some cases, this can include implementing testing to guarantee a visiting parent's sobriety before and during a visit between them and their children. That way, the Family Court can monitor the situation and ensure that the parent acts responsibly while in charge of and interacting with minors.

Most Alcohol Testing Isn't Always 100% Accurate

In the recent past, the most comprehensive methods for court-ordered alcohol monitoring involved random lab testing, which did not monitor the given situation in real time. There were also significant limitations on testing frequency, meaning that the Family Court could not reasonably ascertain just how often the parent in question was drinking when they are not being actively tested.

Not to mention, despite the precise collection and testing methods previously practiced, there have been several instances when errors in the process have led to false outcomes. However, when you depend on a testing method to ensure the well-being of minors, determining results with 100% accuracy is non-negotiable. Unfortunately, there have been multiple ways in which prior alcohol testing systems have failed Family Court Judges, parents, and children in past Family Law cases.

Here are just a few examples:

- **Technical Errors:** For example, if a breathalyzer device is not calibrated correctly after each use, it may produce incorrect readings.
- **Improper Sample Collection and Handling:** If blood or urine samples are mishandled, contaminated, or stored improperly, this can affect testing accuracy.
- **External Alcohol Byproducts:** Mouthwash, cough medications, and even some food items may contain trace amounts of alcohol that may trigger false-positive results.
- **Human Error:** Whether a person misinterprets readings or incorrectly calibrates equipment can affect alcohol testing results. Also, personal biases can influence readings in ways that may go unnoticed.
- **Absorption or Elimination Phase Testing:** Depending on each person's weight, metabolism, sex, and body chemistry, they will absorb alcohol at a different rate. That means that when a test is performed, some individuals may still be absorbing alcohol

into the bloodstream, while others may be tested while alcohol is being eliminated from the system. This vastly affects readings.

Fortunately, Soberlink takes the guesswork out of alcohol testing, putting the minds of Family Law Professionals and co-parents at ease. Introduced in 2011, our groundbreaking technology and revolutionary system allows for real-time testing several times a day. This approach is far more accurate, efficient, and reliable than older, outdated testing methods and can ensure child safety in Family Law matters like no other court-ordered portable alcohol monitoring device before it.

What is Remote Alcohol Testing?

Remote alcohol testing involves tracking and monitoring from a distance the alcohol consumption of parents or other individuals required to abstain from alcohol. As such, remote alcohol testing could be administered for a parent in a child custody proceeding. A court-ordered breathalyzer, such as Soberlink, that can be used at home is easy to use and discreet while producing reliable test results.

Convenient and Private Alcohol Testing for Child Custody Arrangements

Court-ordered alcohol testing does not have to be invasive. As a matter of fact, remote alcohol testing technology today allows parents to use a court-ordered breathalyzer at home to test for the presence of alcohol easily—either regularly and/or immediately before and during child custody time. Soberlink is the leading provider of court-admissible remote alcohol testing technology. Every Concerned Party and Family Law Attorney should rely on Soberlink for accurate, discreet tests for detecting alcohol abuse.

How Soberlink Works Better than Comparable Alternatives

Soberlink is a highly trusted tool designed for remotely confirming someone's alcohol use quickly and reliably. Since 2011, the Soberlink system has been the leader in alcohol testing for Family Law, Addiction Treatment, and Workplace compliance monitoring. Soberlink's handheld breathalyzer uses facial recognition, similar to the facial recognition technology on your phone, confirming your identity when you take the test and ensuring that it's you without needing someone else to check.

Plus, it sends immediate results to specified contacts' phones or emails, proving sobriety and providing peace of mind. The device is also smart enough to detect if someone tries to trick or beat the test, ensuring the results are always trustworthy. Finally, it uses AI to create easy-to-understand testing Reports, saving you or a loved one from sifting through pages of data to track progress. In short, Soberlink makes the whole process of remote alcohol testing more convenient, accurate, and dependable.

A Variety of Plans and Levels to Cover Every Client

There are three different plans and two distinct levels of testing. The package requested will depend on the needs of the family represented in the case.

The plan that is offered rests upon the language stated in the Court Order. If the situation merits emailed Reports to the Monitored Client and the Concerned Party only, the Basic Plan will suffice. However, if you need email Alerts in real time and results must reach multiple recipients at once, the Plus Plan may be your best bet. Finally, the Premium Plan may be necessary if you want results to reach an unlimited amount of Report recipients, as well as provide real-time email and text Alerts, and email Reports that will be sent on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis.

The two levels of testing are differentiated by how often the testing will occur. If you wish to proceed with Level 1 testing, the Monitored Client will be required to complete a test one hour before the start of Parenting Time and immediately after the conclusion of the visit. If Parenting Time extends to consecutive days at a time (including overnights) or partial custody, the Monitored Client will submit to tests at the hour they wake up, in the middle of the day, and before going to bed.

Conversely, Level 2 testing will be conducted every day, around two or three times daily, including at wake-up and bedtime. That means that the Monitored Client must abstain from alcohol use at all times. Each test window will be set at two hours and 15 minutes every time.

Why Parents Trust Soberlink for Court-Ordered Alcohol Testing

When it comes to court-ordered alcohol testing, parents often face the critical task of selecting a reliable and efficient method to ensure compliance and maintain trust in legal and familial situations. Soberlink is the preferred choice for remote alcohol testing technology. With sophisticated features and proven court admissibility, Soberlink is a valuable tool for parents in custody and alcohol cases. Some of the core advantages include:

- **Precision and Reliability:** Soberlink's remote alcohol testing technology is designed for high accuracy and consistent reliability. Soberlink has proven scientific dependability. Its precise reading reduces the risk of a false positive or false negative.
- **Court Admissibility:** Soberlink technology is evidence-based and is court-admissible in all 50 states of the U.S. The technology meets legal standards for alcohol testing, and its meticulous data is accepted as credible evidence in Family Courts in the United States and Canada, particularly in child custody and child visitation proceedings.
- **Built-In Facial Recognition:** Identity verification matters. You need to know that the person taking the test is the Monitored Party. Indeed, it would pose an issue if a parent monitored for substance abuse enlisted another person to take their test. With Soberlink, facial recognition software solves this problem.
- **The Soberlink Alcohol Testing Device** contains Bluetooth technology that pairs seamlessly with our App for storage and transmission of all data, without the use of GPS.

- **Advanced Reporting:** One significant advantage of Soberlink over alternative court-ordered breathalyzers is their comprehensive Advanced Reporting. Unprecedented, Advanced Reporting technology allows Soberlink to display comprehensive testing data in an easy-to-understand calendar-based format. The Reports can be accessed by the Concerned Party (co-parent), their Family Law Attorney, and other Family Law Professionals in child custody cases.

Frequently Asked Questions

For Family Law Professionals to utilize Soberlink appropriately, they must first understand the meticulous approach that we require to guarantee the accuracy of all Family Law alcohol testing we conduct. We ask that you take the time to review our [Soberlink Implementation & Order Language Outline](#) to obtain an acute understanding of Soberlink's various functionalities and its precise alignment with the framework of your local Family Court. By adhering to these outlined ideals, Family Law Professionals can easily integrate precise alcohol testing into child custody and parenting agreements using Soberlink.

As such, we have addressed some frequently asked questions that you may have about our specific approach.

What Critical Information is Addressed in the Soberlink Implementation & Order Language Outline?

The informational document will address the terms used throughout the paperwork, which are also required on the Court Order. For example, "Monitored Client" refers to the parent required to submit to testing, while "Concerned Party" refers to the person with the children's best interests in mind (usually the co-parent). Either party may be referred to as the "Paying Party," depending on who is ordered to purchase the Soberlink device. Rounding out the definitions are self-explanatory terms, such as "Soberlink Monitoring Agreement," "Alerts/Reports," and "Order."

What qualifies as an effective alcohol-testing system is then described in detail. This interpretation is outlined by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judge's Bench Card on Alcohol Use Disorder. The explanation delineates exactly why Soberlink is a highly functional system with unique capabilities that specifically support Family Court alcohol testing endeavors.

Finally, the Soberlink Best Practices, crafted by a panel of addiction treatment experts, are listed. The precise language they recommend must be used when drafting orders with regard to Soberlink testing. Having working knowledge of the latest system functionalities is also advised since orders should reflect current Soberlink technology.

How do Family Law Professionals, the Monitored Client, and the Concerned Party Implement Soberlink?

Again, the outline presents the process in an easy-to-understand, comprehensive manner. So, whether you are a Family Court Judge, Family Law Attorney, or an involved party, the

guidelines will make completing the Monitoring Agreement and procuring and activating the device a quick and simple procedure.

Here is what needs to be done, step-by-step:

1. The Family Court Judge Fills Out the Order Language Outline

After reading the first five sections of the outline, the Family Court Judge will turn to Section 6 to answer a few questions. The answers to these inquiries are then incorporated into the Court Order for alcohol testing.

These questions include:

- How often will monitoring occur? Do you want testing only during parenting time (Level 1) or seven days a week (Level 2)?
- How will testing be reported? Do you want the Basic Plan, Plus Plan, or Premium Plan?
- Will the Monitored Client or the Concerned Party pay for the device and monitoring fees?
- What are the names, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers of the Monitored Client, Concerned Party, and any additional contacts that must receive testing results?
- How many tests per day are required during a full day of testing? Do you want two tests a day, three tests a day, or four tests a day?
- What are the consequences of a positive test?
- What are the consequences of a missed test?

2. The Family Court Judge Creates the Court Order

Please note that if a Family Court Judge intends to issue a Court Order related to Soberlink, they can directly fill out the Family Law Order Form as presented.

3. The Paying Party (as Determined by the Court Order) will Purchase the Device

4. The Monitored Client Must Anonymously Request a Soberlink Monitoring Agreement

This step is completed by email. The Agreement must be completed, digitally signed, and submitted by the Monitored Client. This document will determine the specific testing setup and each Family Law Attorney should regard its contents as foundational guidelines moving forward. It should align exactly with the objectives detailed in the Court Order, making completion a seamless process.

5. The Agreement is Automatically Sent to Other Involved Parties

Each Family Law Attorney should use this document to ensure a cohesive understanding between all parties involved.

6. Each Other Party Reviews and Signs the Agreement

7. Soberlink Sends the Device to the Monitored Client

8. The Monitored Client Activates the Device

The Monitored Client will need to call Soberlink during regular business hours with their device in hand to activate it properly.

It is critically important to emphasize that compliance with alcohol testing is fully and completely the responsibility of the Monitored Client. Above, we explain in detail which steps they are to complete to begin the testing necessary to comply with the requirements of the Court Order. Soberlink does not initiate actions based solely on the Court Order. Instead, we execute service as a result of the Paying Party purchasing the device and the Monitored Client sending us a completed and signed Soberlink Monitoring Agreement.

Also, for those Monitored Clients who are requested to participate in Level 1 monitoring, it is solely within their responsibility to manage their respective schedules. While Soberlink provides a tool to monitor alcohol intake, scheduling of and compliance with testing is strictly the duty of Monitored Clients.

What are Some Examples of Soberlink's Best Practices?

The team of esteemed individuals who provided the comprehensive insights outlined in the Best Practices document were selected by Soberlink for their expertise in alcohol monitoring and testing. Published in the March/April 2017 Journal of Addiction Medicine, these recommendations address critical aspects of alcohol testing for Family Law purposes.

Here are some examples:

- Overtesting for substance abuse does not lead to greater sobriety. Three tests a day to start with, gradually being reduced to testing twice a day (after prolonged negative results), is much more effective for sustaining long-term progress.
- Scheduled testing is much preferred over random testing, with the previously-mentioned two to three tests a day, performed within a specific window of time, considered the best approach. Why? The panel believes multiple random daily tests are counterproductive and overwhelming.
- If there is evidence that the Monitored Client missed or failed a test, the opportunity for further communication and reevaluation should be taken, rather than chastising the

Monitored Client. Positive tests indicate that actions should be taken that align with the best interests of the children in question, especially considering the Monitored Client's history. However, consistently missing tests will require accountability measures to maintain the integrity of the alcohol testing program.

People Also Ask:

What is Considered a Positive Alcohol Test?

If the device can detect alcohol in a Monitored Party's system, that could be deemed a positive test. However, there are exceptions. With court-ordered alcohol testing, Soberlink's portable [alcohol testing devices](#) offer a Re-Test Cycle, which prompts the tester to re-test every 15 minutes until a compliant test is submitted or three hours have elapsed. Explore this topic and more [here](#).

How Long Does Alcohol Stay in Your System?

It varies. How long alcohol can stay in a person's system will depend on a wide array of different factors, including body weight, age, sex, metabolism, and the amount of alcohol consumed. A blood test can typically detect alcohol for up to 12 hours. However, a urine test can detect it for a longer period.

What is the Longest EtG that Can Be Detected in Urine?

Ethyl glucuronide (EtG) is a metabolite of ethanol, an active ingredient in alcohol. It forms in the body after alcohol consumption and is detectable in urine. EtG is detectable for 72 hours after alcohol consumption.

Assuring the Well-being of Children

When it comes to protecting children from the devastating effects of substance abuse and alcohol abuse, considering a leader in remote alcohol monitoring for court-ordered testing is crucial. If you have any specific questions or want to learn more about Soberlink, please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) today.