



USING ALCOHOL MONITORING IN A CONTESTED DIVORCE



Many divorce actions are contested by one parent accusing the other of alcohol abuse. The most significant factor alcohol plays in a divorce proceeding occurs when divorcing parents have minor children. Courts take allegations of alcohol abuse very seriously, and exercise caution on behalf of the minor children.

Allegations of alcohol abuse for the accused spouse, who may or may not have a history of alcohol abuse, can serve as the primary consideration to a court when considering the minor children's custody issues. A temporary order of protection, prohibiting the accused spouse from seeing the minor children is not uncommon.

If visitation is granted it is also common for a court to issue a temporary order prohibiting the accused spouse from drinking alcohol prior to or during visitation with the minor children. The court may require the use of an alcohol detection monitor to either confirm or deny the allegations, and to ensure the accused parent is following the court's orders of not consuming alcohol during visitation.

When allegations of alcohol abuse arise in divorce proceedings, alcohol monitoring would be very beneficial to the court, as up to now the answers to these critical concerns have only come from available information sources. The current sources consist of, self-reports, community reports, hair follicle testing, urine testing, and blood testing.

All of the current sources of information have been unsatisfactory regarding either their thoroughness, reliability, or slow response time. The result of the unsatisfactory information is that restrictive measures are often perceived by the Court as necessary to address the risks to the minor children from parental alcohol abuse.

The restrictive measures may include reducing the minor children's visitation time with a parent, requiring the visitation to be supervised, or by removing the minor children from the parent's care.



Now, what if an accused parent could be randomly tested for alcohol consumption multiple times per day, and the results were available within 15 seconds each time a test was taken. Plus, an objective third party reported the results to the Court, or a Children's Aid Society appointed by the Court?

Our alcohol testing and monitoring program offers a reporting protocol exactly as noted above. In addition, it offers random or on-demand testing, facial recognition of the person taking each test, and GPS location with both taken, and missed tests, just to name a few of its capabilities.

Additionally, by using our protocol the Court will also determine if the tested parent is a responsible drinker, or an abusive drinker as they've been accused of.

We're available to assist both lawyers and the Courts in the understanding of what the benefits would be when our testing protocol is used to achieve the results the Court requires in making its decision in each individual case.

Our website is located at www.tratek.ca, feel free to look and learn more about us.

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