

REDUCING RISKS

WITH WORKPLACE DRUG TESTING

Research suggests that **drug testing is a deterrent** to drug use by employees and applicants. Yet, **employers must still be diligent** and continue **to encourage a safe, drug-free workplace**.





\$193 BILLION

lost annually in productivity, healthcare and criminal justice costs

Illicit drug and alcohol abuse can increase the likelihood of employees:

being late for work



being absent for 8+ days



being in a workplace accident



filing a worker's compensation claim



Employers with a drug testing program maintain consistently lower drug test positivity

11.8% WITHOUT
A TESTING
PROGRAM

7.4% WITH
A TESTING
PROGRAM

Average drug test positivity rate

References

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