## Ignition Interlock



What is it? A breath testing device that connects to a vehicle starter. The vehicle cannot start if the device registers a .02 or more.

## **Drunk Driving Stats**

□ 1.4 million offenders are arrested each year for drunk driving, 300,000 to 400,000 are repeat offenders



- □ In 2007 60% of drivers involved in alcohol-related traffic fatalities had a BAC of .15 or above (*NHTSA*, 2008)
- □ Drivers with a BAC of .15 or higher are 380 times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than a non-drinking driver (*Zador*, 1991).

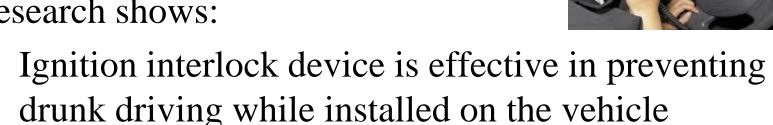
#### **Evolution of Interlock Devices**

- □ First systems started in the late 1950s-1960s
- □ Now active to some degree in every state and Canada
- Mandatory in many areas for repeat offenders
- □ United States is quickly moving to requirement for all DWI offenders
- □ An estimated 146,000 ignition interlock devices are installed in vehicles in the United States as of 2008



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#### Research shows:



Ignition interlocks are an effective tool to prevent individuals from driving drunk and to reduce the incidence of recidivism (Voas and Marques, 2003).



#### Research Continued

- □ 50-90% reduction in recidivism with interlock
- □ Studies show offenders return to old behavior once off interlock
- □ 70% of hard core offenders believe interlock is an effective deterrent
- □ 74% of Americans believe in the use of ignition interlock

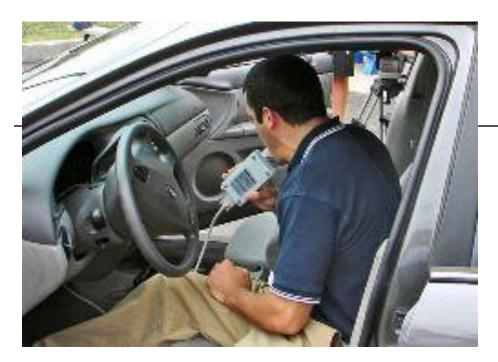
Information obtained from the Century Council (centurycouncil.org)



## Interlock Images











## Brown County's Ignition Interlock Program

- Mandatory for all ISP Clients
- □ Court sanction for probation violators
- □ Formerly for offenders wishing to get license back
- □ New State requirements effective 7-1-11

## Positive Test in Interlock Systems

- □ All respond differently
- □ Law enforcement no longer allows vehicles to shut down upon positive tests
- □ Vehicles are locked down if test is over .02, cannot restart vehicle until a pass code is rec'd
- ☐ Have a certain number of hours to get to a download center (agent then notified)
- □ Systems with camera can verify offender

# New MN Interlock Program Effective for crimes after 7-1-11

First Time Offender 90 day revocation

15 days hard revocation, 0 with interlock if .16 or lower

If BAC was .16 or higher, hard revocation for 1 year, 0 with interlock, no work permit

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> DWI on Record

□ Under .16 Hard Revocation 1 year with interlock, 0 with interlock, no work permit

□ Over .16 Hard Revocation 2 years, 0 with interlock, no work permit

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> DWI on Record

□ 3 years revocation, 0 days if on interlock and proof on treatment enrollment, work permit if on interlock and for first year only, must be on interlock for 3 years no violations work permit if on interlock and for first year only, must be on interlock for 3 years no violations

### 4th DWI on Record

4 years revocation, 0 days if on interlock and proof on treatment enrollment, work permit if on interlock and for first year only, must be on interlock for 4 years no violations

#### 5th or More Offense

□ 6 years hard revocation, 0 days if on interlock. Work permit for first year of sobriety and must stay on 6 years before eligible for unrestricted driving privileges

