

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



Ignition Interlock

Research shows:

- ❑ Ignition interlock device is effective in preventing drunk driving while installed on the vehicle
- ❑ 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

2nd 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



3rd 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

