

# Arkansas

Arkansas' all-offender ignition interlock law went into effect in April 2009. As of August 2015, there were 3,440 interlocks installed in Arkansas.

How soon can an ignition interlock be installed?		Duration on ignition interlock
First offense	Immediately following license restriction from the Department of Driver Control.	6 months
Second offense		2 years
First refusal		6 months

**How many times an interlock stopped a drunk driving start (.08 BAC or more) in Arkansas?**

**50,969**

*From Dec. 1, 2006 to Dec. 1 2016*

Day-for-Day Credit for early installation: No.

Compliance based removal? No.

**Indigent Fund:** Not really. However, the Department may establish a payment schedule for the reasonable cost of leasing or buying and monitoring and maintaining the interlock.

**Interlock user fees** (not including leasing costs of the device): Must pay \$150 to the DMV after interlock period to obtain non-interlock restricted driving privileges.

Role of Court and Driver's License Agency Relating to Interlocks	
Court	Driver's License Agency
None	Issues interlock restricted license for a first-time offender for the duration of the six month license suspension. The Department of Driver Control must state on the record the requirement for and the period of use on the interlock. In order for a person to obtain an interlock restricted license, he or she must show proof of installation to the Department. Prior to reinstatement of a non-interlock license, a person must show proof of periodic reports (at least every 67 days), have completed an approved drug and alcohol education or treatment program and must pay a reinstatement fee of \$150.00 per offense.

Does the state advertise the interlock law? No.

Do plea agreements or reduction in the original DUI charge include the requirement of an interlock? Pleas not allowed.

**Resources:** Arkansas State Statute 5-65-118, §5-65-104(a)(1)

## How to improve Arkansas' ignition interlock law?

- ✓ Add a compliance based removal component to the law (a user must prove a certain period of sober driving before exiting the interlock program)
- ✓ Allow for the use of ignition interlock after arrest and credit early installation of an interlock toward time ordered on an interlock upon conviction.
- ✓ Create an indigent fund so poor interlock users have access to these devices. This fund should be paid for by interlock vendors or non-indigent interlock users.
- ✓ Advertise the ignition interlock law during twice yearly federally funded crackdowns on drunk driving ([Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over](#)).

Arkansas Department of Driver Control: <http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/driverServices/Pages/DriverControl.aspx>  
 Act 299 of 2015: <http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2015/2015R/Acts/Act299.pdf>