

California

Effective January 1, 2019, ignition interlocks are required for all repeat offenders and all first-time offenders are incentivized to use the device. Until then, interlocks are required for all convicted drunk drivers in a four county pilot program including: Tulare, Los Angeles, Sacramento and Alameda. Judges outside the Pilot have discretion to order interlocks. As of August 2015, there were 18,775 interlocks installed in California.

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

195,687

From Dec. 1, 2006 to Dec. 1 2016

How soon can an ignition interlock be installed?		Duration on ignition interlock
First offense	Upon arrest	Offender's choice between using an interlock for 6 months or receiving a 1 year license suspension with the possibility of route-restricted non-interlock driving privileges after 30 days
Second offense	Upon arrest	12 months
First refusal	Interlocks not available for first-time refusals	

Day-for-Day Credit for early installation: Yes.

Compliance based removal? Yes. If at any time during the person's restriction period that the DMV receives notification from the installer of a recordable violation, the DMV will "pause" the restriction. The person will not be given credit toward the restriction of time during which the person does not have proof of an interlock installation on file with the DMV.

Indigent Fund: Yes. The cost is determined by the interlock user family's income in comparison to the federal poverty guidelines. Interlock user will pay installers according to the following: if the offender's family income is _____ of the federal poverty level, the person pays _____ percent of the IID cost. A) 100 percent or below: Offender pays 10% of costs. B) 101 to 200 percent: Offender pays 25% of costs. C) 201 to 300 percent: Offender pays 50% of costs. D) 301 to 400 percent: Offender pays 90% of costs

Interlock user fees (not including leasing costs of the device): Must pay \$45 to the DMV.

Role of Court and Driver's License Agency Relating to Interlocks	
Court	Driver's License Agency
Judges can order interlocks	Issues interlock restricted licenses

Does the state advertise the interlock law? No.

Do plea agreements or reduction in the original DUI charge include the requirement of an interlock? No, but judges can order interlocks in plea agreements.

Resources: California DMV: https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/?1dmy&uril=wcm:path:/dmv_content_en/dmv/pubs/brochures/fast_facts/ffd131

How to improve California's ignition interlock law?

- ✓ Enact an all-offender ignition interlock law.
- ✓ Advertise the ignition interlock law during twice yearly federally funded crackdowns on drunk driving ([Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over](#)).
- ✓ Require ignition interlocks for refusals.
- ✓ Require interlocks in all plea agreements or reductions in DUI charges.

https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/wcm/connect/0a201372-f85a-4cca-8f92-fcbf34ea74c2/iid_pilot_program_q-a.pdf?MOD=AJPERES
Chapter 783 of 2016: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB1046