

# Michigan

Since October 2010, Michigan has required the use of ignition interlocks for all repeat and first-time offenders with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .17 or greater. As of August 2015, there were 10,186 interlocks installed in Michigan.

How soon can an ignition interlock be installed?		Duration on ignition interlock
First offense .17 BAC or greater	45 days after conviction	1 year
Second offense	45 days after conviction	1 year
First refusal	Interlocks not available for first-time refusals	

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

**24,193**

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

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

**Compliance based removal?** Yes. If the interlock records three start-up test failures in a monitoring period, or one rolling retest failure, or if it detects tampering, the vehicle must be taken to a service center immediately. Test failures, tampering, or other interlock related violations will result in an extension of the time before the driver can ask for another driver license appeal hearing, or may require that the original license revocation/denial be reinstated.

**Indigent Fund:** Yes. Low-income persons to pay a maximum of \$2.00 per day. To qualify for this reduced fee, the gross income for the previous tax year must be less than 150% of the current federal poverty guidelines. A copy of the Michigan state income tax form filed for the previous year will be required to verify gross income. A person contacts the interlock vendor for more details to determine if the he or she qualifies for the reduced fee.

**Interlock user fees** (not including leasing costs of the device): Must pay \$125 to the Secretary of State upon application for full license reinstatement.

Role of Court and Driver's License Agency Relating to Interlocks	
Court	Driver's License Agency
Judges order interlocks and the court provides the Secretary of State with an abstract of conviction	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.

## How to improve Michigan's ignition interlock law?

- ✓ Enact an all-offender ignition interlock law.
- ✓ Allow for the use of ignition interlock after arrest and credit early installation of an interlock toward time ordered on an interlock upon conviction.
- ✓ 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.

**Resources:** Michigan Secretary of State: [http://www.mi.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1627\\_8665\\_9070-21501--,00.html](http://www.mi.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1627_8665_9070-21501--,00.html)  
[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/APPROVED\\_Public\\_High\\_BAC\\_FAQs\\_11-09-10\\_341399\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/APPROVED_Public_High_BAC_FAQs_11-09-10_341399_7.pdf)