

Washington, DC

Washington DC's all-offender ignition interlock law goes into effect on November 29, 2016. As of August 2015, there were 9 interlocks installed in Washington, DC.

How soon can an ignition interlock be installed?		Duration on ignition interlock
First offense	Upon revocation	6 months
Second offense	Upon revocation	12 months
First refusal	Interlocks not available for first-time refusals	

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

60

From Dec. 1, 2006 to Dec. 1 2016

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

Compliance based removal? Yes. If a person violates the rules of the interlock program, he or she will either spend more time in the program, or you will have your driver license revoked, depending on the circumstances.

Indigent Fund: Yes. The DMV shall determine whether a user is indigent. If indigent, the DMV shall pay all costs associated with that person's enrollment and participation in the Program. The term "indigent" means a person who receives an annual income, after taxes, of 150% or less of the federal poverty guidelines as updated periodically in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to section 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act, approved October 27, 1998 (1 12 Stat. 2729;42 U.S.C. 5 9902(2)).

Interlock user fees (not including leasing costs of the device): Must pay \$50 application fee to the DMV for an ignition interlock permit.

Role of Court and Driver's License Agency Relating to Interlocks	
Court	Driver's License Agency
Judge orders interlock.	Issues interlock license. Determines indigency and implements the compliance based removal of an interlock order.

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 Washington DC's 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: D.C. Code § 50-2201.05a: <http://dccode.org/simple/sections/50-2201.05~P.html>.
 Washington, DC DMV: <http://dmv.dc.gov/service/ignition-interlock-device-program>
 B21-335 of 2016: <http://lims.dccouncil.us/Download/34426/B21-0335-SignedAct.pdf>