

Alabama

Effective July 2014, Alabama enacted an all-offender interlock law. As of December 2017, there were 853 interlocks installed in Alabama. Between 2006 to 2018, interlocks stopped 4,191 attempts to drive drunk, including 969 in 2018.

Why MADD calls the law all-offender? We call it all-offender as the only way a first-time convicted drunk driver can drive from day 1 to 90 of a license suspension is by using an interlock equipped vehicle or the person can not drive a vehicle at all.

Ignition Interlock Law Overview and MADD Legislative Recommendations

How soon can an ignition interlock be installed?		Duration on ignition interlock	Legislative Recommendation
First offense	Upon conviction	A person can go an interlock for 90 days in lieu of a 90 day license suspension	<i>Allow for the use of interlock upon revocation or conviction. Additionally, either require the use of interlocks for six months for all first-time offenders or ban them from driving for six months</i>
First offense .15 BAC or more	45 days after conviction	1 to 2 years	
Second offense	45 days after conviction	2 to 4 years	
First refusal	45 days after conviction	2 years	

Compliance Based Removal?

Yes

Any violation extends the period on an interlock by six months from the date of violation. A violation includes: 1) A breath sample at or above a minimum BAC level of .02 recorded more than four times during a monthly reporting period, 2) Any tampering, circumvention, or bypassing of the device, or attempt thereof, 3) Failure to comply with the servicing or calibration requirements of the interlock every 30 days.

Day-for-Day Credit for early installation?

No

Legislative Recommendation

Allow for the use of ignition interlock after arrest and credit early installation of an interlock toward time ordered on an interlock upon conviction.

Do plea agreements or reductions in the original DUI charge include the requirement of an interlock?

Yes

Indigent Program?

Yes

An indigent offender pays one-half of the costs associated with installing and maintaining an interlock for a period of no more than two years at which time the offender pays the full remaining cost for any sentence left for interlock.

Interlock user fees (not including leasing costs of the device)

Yes

\$200 fee to be paid by the Court. This fee can be paid in installments.