

Louisiana

The use of ignition interlocks are required for all convicted drunk drivers since July 2007. As of December 2017, there were 5,313 interlocks installed in Louisiana. Between 2006 to 2018, interlocks stopped 103,037 attempts to drive drunk, including 14,117 in 2018.

Why MADD calls the law all-offender? We call it all-offender as in order for a first-time offender must use an interlock in order to drive as a condition of a hardship permit.

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	12 months	<i>DMV or legislature must clarify that the only way a convicted drunk driver can drive as a condition of a hardship permit is if an interlock is installed.</i>
Second offense	Unclear	24 months	
First refusal	Upon conviction	1 to 2 years	
Compliance Based Removal?			No
Legislative Recommendation	<i>Add a compliance based removal component to the law (a user must prove a certain period of sober driving before exiting the interlock program).</i>		
Day-for-Day Credit for early installation?			No
Legislative Recommendation	<i>Allow for the use of ignition interlock after arrest and credit early installation of an interlock toward time ordered on an interlock upon conviction.</i>		
Do plea agreements or reductions in the original DUI charge include the requirement of an interlock?			No
Legislative Recommendation	<i>Allow a first-time apprehended drunk driver who did not cause an injury or property damage crash, and successfully completes six continuous months on an ignition interlock and completes other court or department conditions to be granted a plea deal.</i>		
Indigent Program?			No
Legislative Recommendation	<i>Create an indigent program so low-income interlock users have access to these devices. This program should be paid for by interlock vendors or non-indigent interlock users.</i>		
Interlock user fees (not including leasing costs of the device)			None