

Michigan

Since October 2010, Michigan requires the use of ignition interlocks for all repeat and first-time offenders with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .17 or greater. As of December 2017, there were 10,682 interlocks installed in Michigan. Between 2006 to 2018, interlocks stopped 28,183 attempts to drive drunk, including 1,743 in 2018.

Why MADD does not call the law all-offender? Interlocks are not required for all first-time offenders

Ignition Interlock Law Overview and MADD Legislative Recommendations

How soon can an ignition interlock be installed?		Duration on ignition interlock	Legislative Recommendation
First offense .17 BAC or greater	45 days after conviction	1 year	<i>Require interlocks for all convicted drunk drivers. Eliminate any waiting period for a person before he or she installs an interlock. Allow for the use of interlocks for refusals.</i>
Second offense	45 days after conviction	1 year	
First refusal	Interlocks not available for refusals		

Compliance Based Removal?

Yes

If the interlock records 3 start-up test failures in a monitoring period, or 1 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.

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?

No

Legislative Recommendation

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.

Indigent Program?

Yes

Low income persons to pay a maximum of \$2.00 per day. To qualify for this reduced fee, a person's 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 he or she qualifies for the reduced fee.

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

Yes

Must pay \$125 to the Secretary of State upon application for full license reinstatement.