

Rhode Island

Effective June 24, 2016, Rhode Island's all-offender interlock law went into effect as Judges must order interlocks for first-time offenders who apply for a hardship license following a DUI conviction. Judges must order an interlock for all repeat and first-time offenders with a BAC of .15 or greater after the hardship license concludes. As of December 2017, there were 812 interlocks installed in Rhode Island. Between 2006 to 2018, interlocks stopped 4,987 attempts to drive drunk, including 1,360 in 2018.

Why MADD does calls the law all-offender? Judges must order interlocks for first-time offenders with a BAC of .08 or greater who apply for a hardship license following a DUI conviction.

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	30 days to one year	<i>Require interlocks for at least six months for first-time offenders.</i>
Second offense	45 days after conviction	6 months to 2 years	
First refusal	Upon conviction		
Compliance Based Removal?			Yes

Interlock companies submit quarterly reports concerning proof of installation and proper use of interlocks to the DMV. Prior to the reinstatement of an unrestricted license, the division of motor vehicles shall review the person's driving record and compliance with the ignition interlock order to ensure that the person has fulfilled the specific requirements as set forth by the sentencing judge or magistrate. Upon verification conditions have been satisfied, a license shall be reinstated.

Legislative Recommendation *Add a compliance based removal component to the law (a user must prove a certain period of sober driving before exiting the interlock program).*

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? No

Legislative Recommendation *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.*

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

Must pay \$100 administrative fee to the DMV upon installation.