

Washington

Washington's all-offender ignition interlock law went into effect on January 1, 2009. As of December 2017, there were 19,603 interlocks installed in Washington. Between 2006 to 2018, interlocks stopped 120,159 attempts to drive drunk, including 14,492 in 2018.

Why MADD does call the law all-offender? All drunk drivers must use an interlock in order to drive during a court ordered or driver license agency imposed license suspension.

Ignition Interlock Law Overview and MADD Legislative Recommendations

How soon can an ignition interlock be installed?		Duration on ignition interlock
First offense	Upon arrest*	1 year
Second offense	Upon arrest*	5 years
First refusal	Upon arrest*	1 year

**If a person foregoes an administrative license revocation hearing.*

Compliance Based Removal?

Yes

The interlock requirement won't be removed until we receive notice from the interlock company that you haven't done any of the following in the previous 4 months: 1) Tried to start the vehicle with a breath alcohol content of .04 or more, 2) Failed to take or pass any required retest, 3) Failed to get scheduled maintenance, repairs, calibration, monitoring, inspection, or replacement of the device.

Day-for-Day Credit for early installation?

Yes

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

This program is funded by DUI offenders who can afford to pay an extra \$20.00 per month (this process funds the indigent program). The indigent driver just needs to complete a DOL Assistance program form to apply for indigence and DOL will approve or disapprove the applicant)

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

Yes

Must pay \$100 to the DMV for an interlock restricted license. Offender must also pay a \$20 monthly fee to the DMV which helps offset costs of interlocks to indigent offenders. Offender must also pay \$10 fee upon installation to Washington State Patrol (WSP) plus an additional \$5 monthly fee to WSP.