

Wisconsin

Since July 1, 2010, Judges must order ignition interlocks for all refusals, repeat and first-time convicted drunk drivers with a BAC of .15 or greater. As of December 2017, there were 14,168 interlocks installed in Wisconsin. Between 2006 to 2018, interlocks stopped 302,181 attempts to drive drunk, including 41,148 in 2018.

Why MADD does not call the law all-offender? Judges are not required or allowed to order an interlock for first-time offenders with a BAC of .08 to .14.

Ignition Interlock Law Overview and MADD Legislative Recommendations

How soon can an ignition interlock be installed?		Duration on ignition interlock	Legislative Recommendation
1st offense .15 BAC plus	Upon conviction	1 year	<i>Require interlocks for all convicted drunk drivers. Eliminate waiting time to go an interlock.</i>
Second offense	45 days after conviction	1 year	
First refusal	30 days after conviction	1 year	

Compliance Based Removal? No

However, interlock circumvention, disconnection, removal or tampering results in fines plus a mandatory six-month extension of the interlock order period. Circumvention includes breath samples from sources (human and non-human) other than the offender, manipulation of samples that enable a driver with a prohibited alcohol concentration to start or operate a vehicle equipped with an interlock and failure to complete any servicing. Failure to install an install in each vehicle owned by the offender will result in a fine of \$150-\$600 and/or up to six months in jail at court's discretion, plus a mandatory six-month extension of the interlock order period.

Legislative Recommendation *Add a statewide 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? Yes

Low-income offenders, with annual incomes less than 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), are entitled to pay only half of the regular cost of interlock installation and monthly service fee. The FPL is adjusted annually and depends on the number of people in the household.

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

Must pay \$50 fee to the court.