

Ignition interlock



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What is it? Who uses it?

- Breath testing device that prevents car from being started if driver has been drinking
- Periodic monitoring after the car has been started
- Information downloaded monthly
- Used in all 50 states
- Mandatory for most Minnesota drivers convicted of DWI

Key Features of Ignition Interlock Devices used in Minnesota

- Six companies have been certified
- Rolling retests are required
- Lockout is set at 0.02 BAC level
- Calibration 30 or 60 days depending on device
- Two failures for alcohol detection will result in early recall
- Cameras
- Location within a 50 mile of nearly all participants

Program Benefits and Limitations

What does research tell us?

- Benefits

- Reduces DWI recidivism on **average 64%** while installed
- Reduces the economic impact of impaired driving by \$3 -\$7 for every \$1 spent
- Provides a pathway for legal driving

- Limitations

- Does not have long term effect on reducing DWI re-offense
- Should be coupled with effective behavior changing program
- Low participation rates – many risk not installing

Interlock Pilot 2007

- 100 participants – grant funded
- Monitored by a probation officer
- Put device on our own cars
- Gained valuable knowledge of device (cold weather operation, etc.)
- Insight into participants' issues
- No new DWI's in the year of the pilot

2011 Interlock Law

- Made interlock mandatory for most DWI offenders – no “waiting it out”
- Lengthened revocation time-periods
- Full driving privileges will be granted with installation of ignition interlock
 - No “limited license” for revocations/ one year for cancellations
 - Last three month must have no failed tests for alcohol detected by the II device prior to reinstatement

First- and Second-time Offenders

- Lengthened revocation time-periods
 - First-time offenders with BAC of 0.16 or greater = 1 year
 - Second-time offenders with BAC less than 0.16 = 1 year
 - Second-time offenders with BAC of 0.16 or greater = 2 years

Third and More Offenses

- Revocation periods are based on number of offenses
 - Third offense= 3 years, fourth offense= 4 years and fifth offense= 6 years
 - Limited driving privileges for first year
 - Full driving privileges for the remaining period of time demonstrating abstinence
- Ignition interlock is used to monitor chronic DWI offenders and demonstrate abstinence
 - Maintains treatment requirement
 - Eliminates 5 letters
 - Eliminates requirement of AA meetings

“B-card” Violations

- Violations of “any use of alcohol or drugs invalidates driver license” restriction (non-DWI)
 - One year of ignition interlock
 - Chemical health assessment and comply with the requirements
- Removal of the “any use of alcohol or drugs invalidates driver license” restriction
 - Demonstrate 10 years of no alcohol or drug use
 - Restriction removed from the driving record and driver license card
 - 90% of those that will re-offend do so within 10 years

Other Uses of Ignition Interlock Monitoring Clients

- Ignition interlock can be used to monitor DWI offenders
 - DWI Courts
 - Probation
- Reports can indicate a need for additional monitoring/treatment intervention
 - Elevated and early morning AC tests can predict likelihood of future offenses

MONEY QUESTION

• Program Fees

- \$100 installation
- \$75-\$125 per month calibration
- \$50-\$100 removal

• Reduced Fees (10% of users)

- \$25.00 installation
- \$40.00 per month calibration
- \$25.00 removal



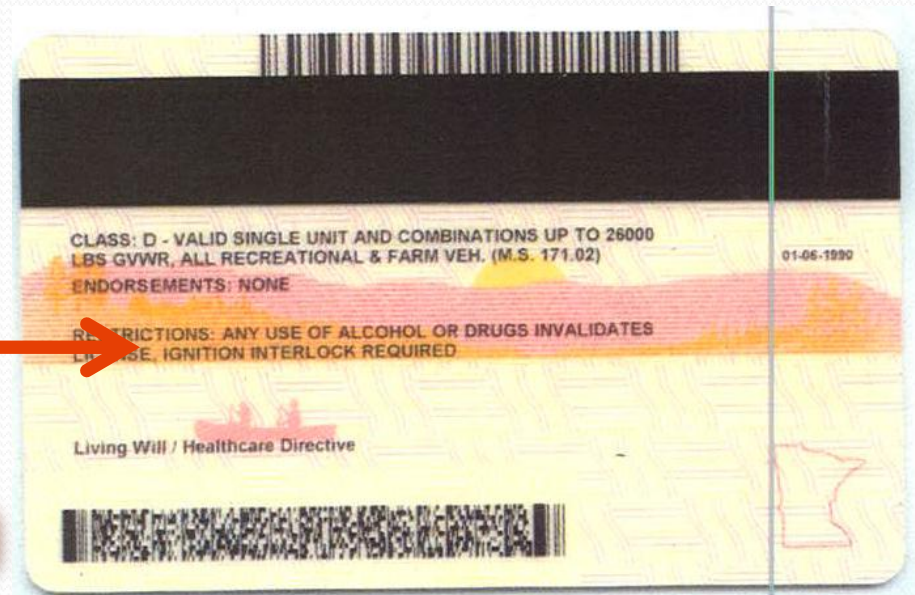
Employment Variance

- Allows a person to drive a company owned vehicle during employment without ignition interlock
 - Not self employed
 - Not a rental car
- Employer will work with Driver and Vehicle Services to obtain variance

Violation for Driving a Vehicle without Ignition Interlock

- Misdemeanor
- “drive, operate, or be in physical control of any motor vehicle that is not equipped with a functioning ignition interlock device.”

The ignition interlock restriction is denoted on the back of the drivers license



Minn. Stat. 171.09, subd. 1(g).

Violation of Lend, Rent, or Lease

- Misdemeanor
- “lends, rents, or leases a motor vehicle that is not equipped with a functioning ignition interlock device certified by the Commissioner to a person with a license issued under this section knowing that the person is subject to the ignition interlock restriction.”

Minn. Stat. 171.306, subd. 6(a).

Violation of Tampering, Circumventing, or Bypassing

- Misdemeanor
- “who tampers with, circumvents, or bypasses the ignition interlock device, or assists another to tamper with, circumvent, or bypass the device”
- Exceptions: emergency purposes and mechanical repair

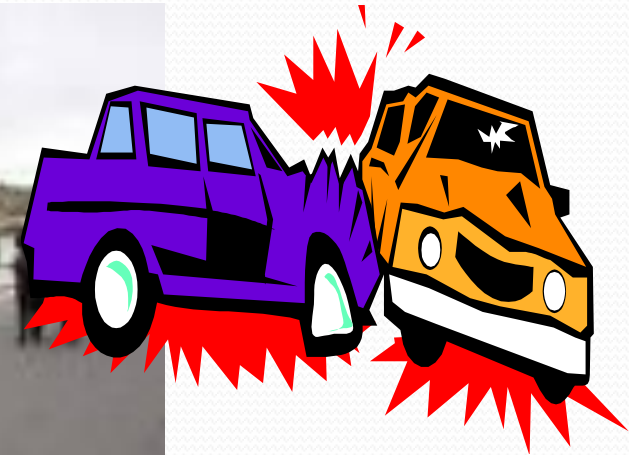
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2013 Interlock Pilot

- Combine judicial and administrative sanctions
- Grant funded by NHTSA, defray costs to participant
- 20 counties participating
- In Hennepin, participants will come from DWI Court initially then move to felony DWI group
- Educate bench – get buy in
- Increase participation rates

Not a Silver Bullet...

A tool that will help us
toward our goal of zero
alcohol related traffic
fatalities



Questions???



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