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All-Offender Ignition Interlocks

Resources and Tools

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Are ignition interlocks only useful for repeat offenders?

No. First-time offenders benefit as well. Studies indicate that requiring interlocks for first-time drunk driving convictions significantly reduces recidivism and prevents alcohol-related crashes, making roads safer for everyone.

2. Are ignition interlocks expensive or burdensome for drivers?

Most devices cost less than many expect, and fees are often offset by the safety benefits and reduced legal consequences. Sober drivers are unaffected—the device only prevents driving when alcohol is detected. Additionally, many states have created affordability programs to help those who cannot afford an interlock.

3. Are ignition interlocks unfair or overly punitive?

No. Interlocks are a targeted public safety tool, not a blanket punishment. They allow responsible drivers to continue their daily routines safely while preventing only impaired driving.

Additional Resources:

- 1) MADD
 - a) [MADD webpage on ignition interlocks](#)
- 2) NASID
 - a) [The National Alliance to Stop Impaired Driving's \(NASID\) 2023 webinar](#)
- 3) NCSL
 - a) [States Identify Effective Ignition Interlock Countermeasures to Fight DUIs](#)
- 4) NHTSA
 - a) [State of the Practice of Alcohol Ignition Interlock Programs](#) [Traffic Tech]
 - b) [State of the Practice of State Alcohol Ignition Interlock Programs](#)
- 5) Traffic Injury Research Foundation
 - a) [Alcohol Interlock Data](#)