

The Ignition Interlock is basically a portable breath testing device that is attached to a vehicle's ignition system. It prevents a person from starting the vehicle after consuming alcohol. It also requires the driver to submit breath samples at random intervals while driving. If alcohol is detected, the vehicle ceases normal operation. The device records all driving attempts, reports all alcohol levels detected and reports attempts at circumventing the device.

The provider, a company that installs and monitors the device, can answer more specific questions regarding the operation and maintenance of the device. Companies are listed later in this booklet.

Mandatory Ignition Interlock and Interlock Restricted License

As of January 1, 2001, repeat alcohol offenders are **required** to have the Ignition Interlock when they reinstate driving privileges per Colorado Revised Statute 42-2-132.5

Reinstated licenses are restricted to the use of vehicles equipped with an Ignition Interlock device for a minimum of one year.

You will be required to have the Ignition Interlock device:

If

- Your license was revoked due to convictions for two alcohol-related driving offenses in five years (2DD),
- Your license was revoked due to convictions for three alcohol-related driving offenses in your lifetime (3DD), or
- Your license was revoked due to your being designated an Habitual Traffic Offender and at least one of your underlying convictions was for an alcohol-related driving offense (HTO/Alcohol);

And

- Your last offense occurred after July 1, 2000.

Or

- A 2 year requirement will apply to all offenses after July 1, 2004 for drivers defined by 42-1-102(68.5) C.R.S. as persistent drunk drivers.

Drivers who fall into this category will be allowed to **reinstate only** with a **restricted license** that limits their driving to vehicles with an Ignition Interlock device.

The interlock driver bears all costs of the Ignition Interlock device.

Extra Documents Required for Reinstatement

1. A certificate of installation of the interlock device from an authorized provider.
2. A signed lease agreement for the device, that is valid for the entire time required.
3. A signed Ignition Interlock Agreement. This affidavit certifies that the driver has a lease agreement for each vehicle that he/she has an ownership interest in, or to which he/she will have access to drive during the restriction period, and that he/she has the consent of the owner or co-owner of any Ignition Interlock vehicles.
NOTE: This affidavit, DR2058, is available on our Web site, www.revenue.state.co.us, located under the heading of Motor Vehicle/Driver Control/Forms or in any driver license office.
4. A Discharge Referral Summary showing completion of alcohol education and therapy or enrollment in a course.

To be issued the restricted license, the driver must pass both the written and the drive tests.

The drive test is in an interlock vehicle you provide.

Early Reinstatement with Interlock

Some individuals subject to driving restraints related to alcohol issues may be allowed to reinstate their driving privileges ahead of their normal eligibility date if they participate in the Ignition Interlock program.

This early reinstatement program is limited to drivers who:

- Are residents of Colorado,
- Currently have their driving privileges revoked for an alcohol-related restraint that is longer than a year in length,
- Must have satisfied all reinstatement requirements (other than time) including **completion** of required alcohol education and therapy,
- Have already served at least one year of the alcohol-related restraint.

Eligibility for early reinstatement with the interlock device is determined by the Driver Services Section. Drivers wishing to know if they are eligible to participate in the program should call Driver Services at (303) 205-5613 and request analysis for early reinstatement. The result of the analysis will be available after 24 hours. Drivers must call back for the determination and the eligibility date if applicable.

The interlock driver bears all costs of the Ignition Interlock device.

The process for getting the restricted license is the same as a person in the mandatory program (see Extra Documents Required for Reinstatement).

Drivers who reinstate early with the interlock must keep the restricted license for the length of time remaining on their restraint or one year - whichever is longer. If the driver is defined as a persistent drunk driver the minimum requirement is two years.

Approved Interlock Companies

National Interlock Service (CO) Ltd.
1-800-475-5490
Aurora, CO 80011-4649

Smart Start, Inc.
1-800-880-3394
Westminster, CO 80030

Draeger Safety Diagnostics, Inc.
1-800-332-6858
Denver, CO 80216

Guardian Interlock Systems
1-800-499-0994
Denver, CO 80022

Please refer to the Colorado Motor Vehicle Web site at www.revenue.state.co.us for updated information about interlock providers. Installation fees and rental costs for the interlock device may vary. Check with the individual providers for specifics concerning costs.



INTERLOCK RESTRICTED LICENSE CHART

REVOCATION	TOTAL RESTRAINT PERIOD	INTERLOCK REQUIRED	EARLY REINSTATEMENT	TOTAL INTERLOCK PERIOD
.02 (1 st /2 nd /3 rd)	3mo/6mo/1yr	No	None	None
.08 (1 st /multiple)	3mo/1yr	No	None	None
.17(1 st /all)	3mo/1yr	Yes	None	2yr
1 st Refusal	1yr	No	None	None
2 nd Refusal	2yr	No	After 1yr	1yr
3 rd or more Refusal	3yr	No	After 1yr	2yr
2DD	1yr	Yes*	None	1yr
[1 st Refusal + 2DD]or 3DD	2yr	Yes*	After 1yr	1 to 2yr
[1 st Refusal + 3DD]or [2 nd Refusal + 2DD]	3yr	Yes*	After 1yr	1 to 2yr
[2 nd Refusal + 3DD]or [3 rd Refusal + 2DD]	4yr	Yes*	After 1yr	3yr
HTO/Alc or [3 rd Refusal + 3DD]	5yr	Yes*	After 1yr	4yr

Notes:

1. “[...]” denotes Actions that must result from the same driving episode.
2. Neither an extension of an existing restraint nor a four-year restraint imposed for multiple convictions for driving under an alcohol-related restraint will prevent early reinstatement. C.R.S. § 42-2-138. But, any time remaining under either the extension of the four-year action must be included

in the Total Interlock Period. C.R.S § 42-2-132.5. These actions are not reflected on this chart.

3. Each driver record is unique. This chart does not show all possible combinations of restraints for Interlock Restricted Licensing.

* If alcohol offense is on or after July 1, 2004 and you meet the definition of a Persistent Drunk Driver then you will have a 2 year Interlock requirement.

Enforcement

Any interlock restricted driver who either drives a non-equipped vehicle or attempts to circumvent the proper functioning of the device is subject to a license revocation with no driving for at least one year. Any such driver may also be charged with a Class I misdemeanor and be subject to a fine and/or jail time on conviction. At the end of the license revocation just described, the driver has to have the interlock again to reinstate.

The device must be serviced every 60 days. An interlock restricted driver who fails to report for device servicing is subject to a license suspension with no driving until that driver comes back into compliance. Any driver whose interlock lease is canceled by the provider will be suspended until the driver enters into a new lease agreement.

If the device prevents operation of the vehicle due to detected blood alcohol content in three of any twelve consecutive months, then the interlock restricted driver must keep the interlock device and be under the interlock restriction for an additional year.



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