

MINNESOTA IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE PROGRAM

PROGRAM GUIDELINES



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Minnesota Ignition Interlock Device Program Guidelines

Scope

The purpose of this document is to establish program guidelines pursuant to Minnesota Statute section 171.306 Subd. 3 for participation in the Minnesota Ignition Interlock Device Program. These program guidelines do not apply to any probation or court requirements, nor is the State involved in any agreements with probation and/or the courts regarding use of the ignition interlock device. The Minnesota Ignition Interlock Device Program is administered by the Department of Public Safety (Department) Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS). The State reserves the right to change these guidelines as necessary.

What is an Ignition Interlock Device

An ignition interlock is a small device with a camera that is installed in a vehicle to measure an individual's alcohol concentration level. The device is installed near the steering wheel and connected to the engine. The camera, which is part of the ignition interlock device, is located on the windshield. When a person blows into the device his/her alcohol concentration level is detected and a photo is taken. If the device detects alcohol, the vehicle will not start. The device is also designed to collect random breath samples while the vehicle is being driven. When the person is driving, the device signals with a beep for the driver to breathe into it. If any alcohol is detected during a breath sample, the device will record the violation and DVS will be notified.



The length of time a participant must be on the ignition interlock device program depends on the number of prior offenses on the driving record and the length of time the participant has lost their driving privilege. This time period may be extended for any additional ignition interlock violations.

Options for Reinstatement

First Alcohol Offense

Alcohol concentration level under 0.16 or test refusal

Available options:

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| Option 1 | An ignition interlock restricted license with full class D driving privileges |
| Option 2 | After a 15 day waiting period of no driving, a limited license will be issued |
| Option 3 | No driving for the revocation period |

Alcohol concentration level of 0.16 or greater

Available options:

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| Option 1 | An ignition interlock restricted license with full class D driving privileges. |
| Option 2 | No driving for the revocation period |

Second Alcohol Offense in 10 Years/Third on Record

Available options:

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| Option 1 | An ignition interlock restricted license with full class D driving privileges |
| Option 2 | No driving for the revocation period |

Third Alcohol Offense in 10 Years/Four or More on Record

Ignition interlock required.

Criminal Vehicular Operation (CVO) Conviction involving alcohol (non-fatal)

Ignition Interlock required.

Length of Withdrawal

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| First Implied Consent or DWI | Under 0.16 – 90 days/180 days if under age 21 0.16 or over – 1 year Test refusal – 1 year |
| Second Implied Consent or DWI in 10 Years or Third on Record | Under 0.16 – 1 year 0.16 or over – 2 year Test refusal – 2 year |
| Third Implied Consent or DWI in 10 Years/Four or More on Record | 3 years (first year on a limited license) |
| Fourth Implied Consent or DWI in 10 | 4 years (first year on a limited license) |
| Fifth or Subsequent Implied Consent or | 6 years (first year on a limited license) |
| CVO – Bodily Harm | 2 to 6 years depending upon prior offenses |
| CVO – Substantial Bodily Harm | 2 to 6 years depending upon prior offenses |
| CVO – Great Bodily Harm | 6 to 10 years depending upon prior offenses |

Enrollment Procedures

Eligibility Requirements

To enroll in the ignition interlock device program, the driver must meet the following requirements:

- ✓ Must be at least 18 years old and eligible for a class D driver's license.
 - A canceled-IPS driver may enroll with an instruction permit.
- ✓ Own/drive a vehicle with valid insurance. The device can be installed on cars, pickup trucks and vans that can be operated with a class D license requiring no further endorsements. It cannot be installed on recreational vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles, mopeds, scooters or commercial vehicles.
- ✓ Have no outstanding withdrawals.
- ✓ If driving privilege was revoked prior to age 18, must not be subject to Vanessa's Law.
- ✓ If license plates have been impounded, go to the Deputy Registrar to purchase special plates. For questions regarding special registration plates, contact the plate impound unit at (651) 297-5034.
- ✓ If applicable, a Waiver of Rights form may be required for offenses under old statutes.

Application Materials

Please submit the following application materials. Application materials can be found on the Department's website at www.minnesotaignitioninterlock.org or by calling (651) 296-2948. *An interview with a driver evaluator is not required.*

- ✓ Pass the DWI knowledge test (MN residents only)
- ✓ Pay the \$680 reinstatement fee and submit the receipt
- ✓ Apply for a new class D driver's license or instruction permit, pay the application fee and submit the receipt (MN residents only)
 - Commercial Driving License (CDL) privileges are not allowed while participating in the ignition interlock device program. Any CDL class holders must submit a signed statement to drop to a class D driver's license or apply for a class D license. To avoid having to retest, you must reapply for CDL privileges within one year of the date of class D application. For more information, please call (651) 297-5029.
- ✓ Special Review Awareness form (if required)

- ✓ Ignition Interlock Participation Agreement
- ✓ Submit a certificate of insurance for the vehicle(s) to be equipped with the ignition interlock device.
 - The submitted documentation must specify the name of the participant, if the participant is not the registered owner. The Department must be able to verify that the certificate of insurance is from the insurance company (not the insurance agent) by either the display of a company stamp or by a direct fax from the company.
- ✓ Canceled-IPS drivers only – Application for Ignition Interlock Limited License (see page 9 for more details)
- ✓ Canceled-IPS drivers only – Complete a chemical use assessment and comply with the recommendations if any. Proof of the chemical use assessment or proof of enrollment in treatment or other programs must be faxed directly to DVS at (651) 797-1738 by the assessor or treatment/program counselor. A Minnesota driver’s license number or full name and date of birth must be included for verification purposes.
- ✓ Canceled-IPS drivers only – Last Use Statement
- ✓ If the offense is not yet displayed on the driver’s record, the Department will require a copy of the 7-day temporary license (Notice and Order of Revocation) the driver received from law enforcement to verify the offense.

Submit application materials to:

Mail: Minnesota Department of Public Safety
 Driver and Vehicle Services
 Ignition Interlock Unit, Suite 177
 445 Minnesota St.
 St. Paul, MN 55101

Fax: (651) 797-1299

E-mail: dvs.ii@state.mn.us

Drop off: Visit dvs.dps.mn.gov for a list of exam locations.

Installation of the Ignition Interlock Device

Please Note: While the device may be installed at any time during the process, a participant CANNOT legally drive until receiving a limited or restricted driver's license from DVS. If the application is ineligible or incomplete, there is no credit for installing the device. All fees associated with this program are the responsibility of the participant.

After successfully submitting all application materials, DVS will send a letter authorizing the installation of the ignition interlock device with camera. Upon receiving this authorization, select an ignition interlock manufacturer from the following list. The Department does not regulate cost. Each manufacturer will be able to answer questions regarding cost and location.

Draeger Safety Diagnostics, Inc.
www.dsdi4life.com
Ph: (800) 332-6858

ALCOLOCK
www.alcolockusa.com
Ph: (855) 855-4542

LifeSafer Interlock, Inc.
<http://www.lifesafer.com>
Ph: (800) 745-0331

Guardian Interlock Systems
<http://www.guardianinterlock.com>
Ph: (800) 499-0994

Smart Start MN
<http://www.smartstartmn.com>
Ph: (952) 224-7050 or (866) 966-5245

Intoxalock
<http://www.intoxalock.com>
Ph: (877) 777-5020

- ✓ Once a manufacturer has been selected, set up an appointment to have the device installed.
 - The participant must have someone drive them to and from the installation appointment, since the participant does not have a valid license.
- ✓ The manufacturer's service center will install the ignition interlock device on the vehicle(s).
 - The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the vehicle(s) installed with the ignition interlock device **MUST** match the VIN on the certificate of insurance.
- ✓ During the installation appointment, the service center will provide training on how to use the device. Other persons who may be driving the vehicle(s) such as a spouse or child should attend the training session. ***Anyone driving the vehicle(s) will be required to blow into the ignition interlock device.***
- ✓ Once the ignition interlock device has been installed and DVS has received notice of the installation, DVS will issue the participant's limited or restricted license and enroll the individual in the ignition interlock device program.
 - The manufacturer will send the installation to DVS within 72 hours.
 - A participant can check their driving status by visiting dvs.dps.mn.gov. However, a person on a limited status cannot legally drive until the limited license is in their possession.

Participation Requirements

Scheduled Service and Monitoring Visits

Service appointments must be scheduled every 30 days. For a participant who chooses to install a wireless ignition interlock device, service appointments must be scheduled every 60 days. A participant is required to take their vehicle to a service center for regularly scheduled service appointments for the entire length of the ignition interlock device program. Skipping a calibration appointment is a program violation (see Violations and Administrative Sanctions section for more details).

The ignition interlock device records data on the breath tests and any violations, as well as information about how often the vehicle is used. Information from the device is downloaded by a computer program for analysis. A calibration check is also performed to verify the device is working as intended. The manufacturer sends a report to DVS with the data.

Early Recalls

There may be times when it is required to visit the service center before the 30 or 60 days have passed. This is called an early recall. An early recall will happen in the following situations:

- ✓ Six (6) initial start lockouts due to alcohol readings above the startup set point during a 30 day period;
- ✓ Three (3) reportable rolling retest violations of a positive alcohol reading;
- ✓ One (1) illegal start violation; or
- ✓ Any equipment malfunctioning.

When the device goes into an early recall, there is a five (5) day grace period to return to the service center. After five (5) days, the device will enter into a permanent lockout condition and the participant may be required to pay for towing. An early recall allows the vendor to reset the device.

Service and Monitoring Fees

The State of Minnesota does not collect any fees from the ignition interlock manufacturer or service center. The participant is responsible for all costs associated with participation in the ignition interlock device program. Costs are set by the ignition interlock manufacturer. The participant must still pay fees associated with reinstatement of the driver's license.

Contact each manufacturer for a list of their prices. Please remember there may be separate fees for installation, security deposits, monthly monitoring, lockouts, early recalls and removal. Also, some manufacturers may require a lease. It may be a yearly lease or a month-to-month lease.

Reduced Fee

A participant may qualify for reduced fees associated with the service and monitoring of the ignition interlock device. To apply for reduced service and monitoring fees, the participant must complete the Reduced Fee for Ignition Interlock Service and Monitoring form available on the Department's website at <http://dvs.dps.mn.gov>. After DVS reviews the application, the participant will be notified if he/she is eligible for the reduced service and monitoring fees. A participant is allowed to apply for the reduced service and monitoring fees once per tax year and must reapply yearly. The reduced fee is effective on the date of approval. It is not retroactive to the date of installation or any other service and monitoring fees. The reduced fee applies to only one vehicle.

Limited Licenses/Work Permit (Canceled-IPS drivers only)

A limited license is a paper license that is issued to a person while their driving privilege is withdrawn. Limited licenses allow driving to work, school and abstinence-based support programs. In addition, a program participant may also drive to and from a service center for ignition interlock servicing and calibration.

If the participant's license has been canceled and denied, the participant must be on a limited license for a minimum of one year with no program violations (see page 12) before receiving a restricted license on ignition interlock. A limited license can only be used 6 days a week and no more than 60 hours. ***You must pick a day that you do not drive.***

Rehabilitation Requirements

Treatment or other programs (if applicable) must be completed in order to be eligible for the restricted driver's license with ignition interlock. If the participant has been on a limited license for a minimum of one year but is still attending treatment or other programs, the participant must remain on the limited license until treatment or other programs are completed. Once complete, the treatment center, assessor, or alcohol/drug counselor must fax verification of successful completion of treatment or other programs directly to DVS at (651) 797-1738. If no treatment was necessary, a chemical use assessment stating that treatment was not required must be on record at DVS. After reviewing the verification of successful completion of treatment or other programs and the participant's monitoring reports, a driver's license with the ignition interlock restriction will be issued.

Verification of Abstinence

Revoked Status

During the last 90 days on the ignition interlock device program, a person whose driver's license is revoked must not have any failed breath tests (see page 10) recorded on the device. A failed breath test may extend the end of the program by 90 days from the date of the failed recorded breath test.

Canceled Status

A person whose driving privilege is canceled and denied must not have any failed breath tests recorded on the device during the length of the program. A failed breath test will require the participant to reenroll in the program and start their revocation time over.

In addition, a person whose driving privilege is canceled and denied must demonstrate abstinence by regular and consistent use of the ignition interlock device. The Department defines regular and consistent use as evidenced by 30 successful initial breath tests per month¹ (Minnesota Rule 7503.1725, Subp. 5(B)). This does not include rolling retests. If a participant's license is withdrawn for an unrelated offense during the time on the ignition interlock device program, the participant can continue to meet this requirement by blowing into the device but not driving the car. ***Failure to provide 30 initial breath tests per month will result in an extension of the program.***

If the participant is incarcerated, deployed by the military or out of the state for more than 30 days or if the vehicle becomes inoperable the following options are available:

1. The participant may voluntarily withdraw from the program (no driving privileges) and reenroll after the leave of absence. This may require signing new enrollment documents. The participant will receive credit for the time in the program until the withdrawal.
2. If the participant's manufacturer has a service center in another state, the participant may calibrate out-of-state. Monitoring reports must be sent to Minnesota DVS and the device must be set to Minnesota device standards. It is the participant's responsibility to notify the service center to send the reports to Minnesota.

Breath Tests

The ignition interlock device requires the driver to blow into the device. These breath tests are required and cannot be ignored. The service center will demonstrate how to blow into the device at the installation appointment. Before leaving the service center, make sure all drivers understand how to provide a breath test and can use the device. Please keep these things in mind:

- ✓ The device will have a specific blow pattern. The blow pattern may include a hum or it may involve an exhale/inhale pattern.
- ✓ The device is equipped with a camera. The camera will take a picture during all breath tests and any violations.
- ✓ A canceled driver is required to show proof of abstinence by providing 30 initial start breath tests during each month.

¹ A month is considered a 30-day period.

IMPORTANT: The participant is presumed to have provided all breath samples. Any indication of use of alcohol detected by the device will be *considered use of alcohol* by the participant and will be taken into consideration by the Department.

Initial Starts

The vehicle cannot be started legally without a breath test. The driver must blow into the device in order to start the car, and the device must record an alcohol concentration level below the pre-set level of 0.02 before the vehicle will start.

- ✓ If a failed initial breath test is recorded, the device will lock out for 5 minutes. After 5 minutes, the device will allow another breath test. The driver has 10 minutes to supply a passing breath test. Failure to provide a passing breath test is a violation.
- ✓ The driver should always rinse out their mouth with water before blowing into the device. If the device registers a failed test, it is very important to take a second test once the device allows. Without a confirming blow, the failure will be considered a violation.

Rolling Retests

A participant is required to submit breath tests while the vehicle is running. These are called rolling retests. After blowing into the device and passing the initial test to start the vehicle, the device will require a second random test within five (5) to seven (7) minutes. The device will continue to require additional rolling retests at random intervals between 15 and 45 minutes for the duration of travel. A warning light and/or tone will be activated to alert the driver that a rolling retest is required.

- ✓ When the device signals for a rolling retest, the driver will have ten (10) minutes to provide a passing breath test. Failure to provide a passing breath test is a violation.
- ✓ Use CAUTION when conducting a rolling retest. While it is not difficult to do a rolling retest while driving, DVS encourages participants to find a safe and legal area to pull over to take the rolling retest.
- ✓ Once the vehicle is started, it will signal for rolling retests. The driver must take these rolling retests. It is not an excuse that the driver was not in the vehicle, had to run into the house for something, or was just warming up the vehicle.

Skipped Rolling Retests

Skipping or ignoring a rolling retest is recorded and will activate an audible signal inside the vehicle. Failure to take three (3) rolling retests within a seven (7) day period will result in an extension of the ignition interlock device program.

Violations and Administrative Sanctions

| Violation | Administrative Sanction |
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| Tampering, circumventing or bypassing the device (MN Stat. 171.306 Subd. 5) | |
| Operating a vehicle not equipped with a certified ignition interlock device (MN Stat. 171.306 Subd. 5) | |
| Violation of the ignition interlock limited license (MN Stat. 171.306 Subd. 5) | 1 st Offense – 180 days added to length of program |
| For canceled drivers, the failure to provide no fewer than 30 initial breath tests each month (verification of abstinence) (MN Rule 7503.1725 Subp. 5(B)) | 2 nd Offense – 1 year added to length of program 3 rd and Subsequent Offenses – 545 days added to length of program |
| Failure to bring the vehicle in for a service appointment every 30 days (or 60 days if the device is wireless) (MN Stat. 171.306) | |
| Three (3) failures to take a rolling retest within a seven (7) day period (MN Stat. 171.306 Subd. 5) | |
| For revoked drivers, an alcohol reading at or greater than .02 (MN Stat. 171.306 Subd. 4(e)) | An additional 90 days from the date of the violation is added to the revocation period (only applies to the last 90 days of the program) |
| For canceled drivers, an alcohol reading at or greater than .02 (MN Stat. 171.306 Subd. 4(d)) | The participant must reenroll in the program and start the revocation period over; new enrollment forms must be submitted |

Tamper/Circumvent/Bypass

The following are examples of tampering, circumventing or bypassing the device:

- Having anyone other than an authorized service center remove the device
- After failing a breath test, having another person provide a passing breath test
- Moving, adjusting or blocking the camera from direct and unobstructed view of the driver's seat so that the face of the person providing the breath test is not visible
- Standing outside of the vehicle to take the breath test in order to avoid the camera
- Push starting the vehicle
- Disconnecting or cutting any wires which would interfere with the normal operation of the ignition interlock device
- Removing tamper-proof seals

These are considered violations and will result in an extension of the program. Contact your service center prior to having work done on your vehicle. The service center can work with your mechanic to avoid any tamper violations.

Administrative Reviews

If a participant disagrees with action taken by DVS on a violation, the participant may request an administrative review. DVS will review the participant's driving record only upon written request. The written request must include the participant's name, date of birth, driver's license number and signature. In addition, the request must include a detailed explanation of the incident(s) including any additional information that will assist DVS in making a decision. A copy of the withdrawal notice should be included. All administrative review decisions are final.

Requests for an administrative review can be sent by mail or faxed to (651) 282-2463.

Non-Ignition Interlock Related Withdrawals

The participant is still subject to all laws pertaining to maintaining their driving privilege.

If a participant's driver's license is withdrawn for an unrelated non-alcohol offense during the participant's time on the ignition interlock device program, the participant can continue to receive credit on the program. Although the participant cannot drive, the participant must continue to have the ignition interlock device serviced and calibrated to meet program requirements. However, because the participant cannot legally drive during withdrawal, a legally licensed person must drive the vehicle to and from service and calibration appointments. If the participant does not calibrate, it is a violation. A participant who does not want to calibrate the device may voluntarily withdraw from the program.

A person whose driving privilege has been canceled and denied must continue to demonstrate abstinence by regular and consistent use of the ignition interlock device. The participant can continue to meet this requirement by blowing into the device, but not driving the vehicle. If during the time of withdrawal the vehicle is parked on a public street, please be advised that you may be violating your withdrawal notice by operating a vehicle on a public street.

Vehicles

The ignition interlock device must be installed on any class D vehicle the participant will be driving. The device may be installed on multiple vehicles.

One Vehicle/Multiple Drivers

Anyone can drive the vehicle equipped with the ignition interlock device; however, anyone who drives the vehicle must be able to pass the breath tests. The participant is responsible for all readings registered by the ignition interlock device. Anyone who will be driving the vehicle with the ignition interlock device should attend the training session during the installation appointment.

Multiple Program Participants/One Vehicle

If more than one person driving the vehicle is on the Ignition Interlock Device Program, each participant must have their own device. This will require a vehicle for each participant.

Switching Vehicles

If the participant switches the device to a different vehicle, DVS may require a new certificate of insurance. The VIN of the vehicle and the VIN on the certificate of insurance must match. If the participant is not the registered owner of the vehicle, the certificate must reference the program participant by name. The Department must be able to verify that the certificate of insurance is from the insurance company (not the insurance agent) by either the display of a company stamp or by a direct fax from the company.

Special Registration Plates

If the participant is subject to license plate impoundment, the participant will be required to display special registration plates. For questions regarding special registration plates, contact the plate impound unit at (651) 297-5034.

Insurance

The participant must provide evidence that the vehicle is insured for 12 months; if the policy is a six month policy, the certificate must be provided for each six month period. If the device is switched to a different vehicle, a new insurance certificate for that vehicle must be provided.

Regardless of any ignition interlock requirements, the participant will continue to be subject to Minnesota no-fault insurance laws.

Please remember:

- ✓ It must be a certificate of insurance submitted by the home office of the insurance company. Proof of insurance is not acceptable.
- ✓ The Department must be able to verify that the certificate of insurance is from the insurance company (not the insurance agent) by either the display of a company stamp or by a direct fax from the company.
- ✓ The certificate must include a vehicle identification number (VIN).
- ✓ The VIN on the certificate must match the VIN on the installation report from the ignition interlock manufacturer.
- ✓ The submission documents must specify the name of the participant, if the participant is not the registered owner.

The certificate of insurance must be faxed to (651) 797-1299.

Employment Exemption

A participant may drive an **employer-owned** vehicle not equipped with an ignition interlock device while in the normal course and scope of employment duties (Minnesota Rule 7503.1775). The employer must apply for an employment exemption variance with DVS and provide written consent. The employment exemption variance will not be granted to:

- A participant who is self-employed; or
- A participant who wholly or partially owns an entity that owns an employer owned motor vehicle

A participant, who is granted an employment exemption variance, shall not drive, operate or be in physical control of any of the following:

- A Type III vehicle within the meaning of Minnesota Statute 169.011, for transporting children under age 18 or vulnerable adults within the meaning of Minnesota Statute 626.5572, Subd. 21;
- An employer-owned motor vehicle for personal use; or
- A rental car in the normal course and scope of employment duties

The participant must notify DVS within 15 days of changing or terminating employment.

If the employment exemption is granted, the participant must still install a device on their personal vehicle. Driving a vehicle equipped with the ignition interlock device is a requirement of the program. If applicable to your program, you must continue to supply 30 breath tests each month to verify abstinence.

Low Lung Capacity Issues

Upon written direction from the Department, manufacturers may adjust the ignition interlock device to accommodate participants with diminished lung capacity. The Department grants permission on a case-by-case basis. To be considered, the participant must submit a written request to the Department which includes the following:

1. Participant's name
2. Participant's address
3. Participant's driver's license number
4. Name of device manufacturer
5. Documentation from a licensed physician verifying and explaining the extent of the participant's diminished lung capacity. The letter must include the participant's lung capacity and Forced Vital Capacity.

The Department will contact the vendor directly to authorize an adjustment to the device.

Removing the Device

DVS will send a letter prior to the end date of the program to remind the participant to set up an appointment for a final calibration; however, the device ***should not be removed***. You may schedule your final calibration on or after your program end date. Upon successful completion of the program, a full reinstatement letter will be issued to the participant authorizing the removal of the device.

Once the participant receives a full reinstatement letter, the participant must:

- ✓ Schedule an appointment to remove the device
- ✓ Apply for a new or duplicate driver's license without the ignition interlock restriction
 - Note: The ignition interlock restriction will not be removed from the driving record until a new or duplicate license is applied for.

Voluntary Withdrawal

If the participant wishes to voluntarily withdraw from the ignition interlock device program, the person must sign the Voluntary Withdrawal form which can be found on the Department's website. Credit will be given for time spent on the program. Voluntarily withdrawing from the ignition interlock program does not stop violations from incurring. Until the driver's license has been re-revoked or re-canceled, the driver is responsible for all program violations and may be subject to program extensions or cancellation.

A revoked driver may sit out the remainder of the revocation with no driving privileges. A canceled driver must complete the ignition interlock program and will have to reenroll in order to become a valid driver.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why does the device have a camera?

The camera will take a picture (or a series of pictures) during the initial breath test to start the car, during any rolling retests, and during any violations. This allows DVS to verify who is using the device and prevent the participant from using someone else to provide the breath tests. Although the participant is responsible for all breath samples provided, the photos will allow DVS to review photos if necessary.

In extreme weather, can I start my car and let it run until the car warms up or cools down?

No. The device will ask for random rolling retests while the vehicle is running. Failure to provide a breath sample will be considered a skipped rolling retest.

Who should I contact if I am having problems with my ignition interlock device?

If you have a complaint or concern regarding the service you are receiving from a certified ignition interlock manufacturer or service center, please contact that provider directly and request to speak to a manager or supervisor in their central office. If, after contacting the provider, you are still not satisfied with their response, please email your concerns to DVS at dvs.ii@state.mn.us. Please make sure to include your contact information including your name, driver's license number, date of birth, current interlock manufacturer, and a brief description of the issue.

Can the passenger blow into the device for the driver?

The driver of the vehicle should be the one providing all the breath tests.

Can I apply for an identification card?

You may apply for an identification card while on a limited license. However, the identification card must be invalidated before your plastic driver's license can be issued.

Who do I contact regarding special registration plates?

Contact the plate impound unit at (651) 297-5034.

Am I eligible to get off the program early for good behavior?

No. There is no reduction in the length of your enrollment.

What if I am enrolled in the partial pay program?

You will be allowed to participate in the ignition interlock device program after you have complied with the requirements of the partial pay program and have paid your first installment. If you fail to make the second payment, you are no longer eligible to participate in the program.

What if I am on the Minnesota ignition interlock device program and I move to another state?

You can continue to have the ignition interlock device calibrated by an ignition interlock manufacturer in another state. The ignition interlock manufacturer must be certified by the State of Minnesota and set to Minnesota device standards. Monitoring reports should be sent to Minnesota in order to continue receiving credit in the program.

Will the interlock shut off my engine or stop my vehicle?

No. The ignition interlock device will not shut off your engine if you fail a breath test. It is designed to prevent the car from starting without a passing breath test. If you fail a test while driving, the device records a violation but will not stop your car.

What if I need more training on how to use and blow into the device?

Contact your service center for additional training.

Can I switch vendors?

Yes. DVS allows participants to change manufacturers at any time. Check your service contract to determine if there are any early termination fees.

What if the ignition interlock device is destroyed or stolen?

In the event the device is either destroyed in a car accident or stolen, DVS will allow the participant 7 days to reinstall the device. The participant should notify DVS of the situation as soon as possible.

What if I remove my device before the end of my program?

Removing the device before completing the program will result in revocation of your driver's license. If you decide to reenroll in the program, you will get credit for the time you were previously on the program.

How can I become an installer of the ignition interlock device?

Please contact one of the certified manufacturers on the DVS website for more information.

How can I become a certified manufacturer in Minnesota?

Please send an email to dvs.ii@state.mn.us with your inquiry.

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