

Kentucky

Effective July 1, 2020, ignition interlocks are required for all drunk drivers. As of December 2017, there were 834 interlocks installed in Kentucky. Between 2006 to 2018, interlocks stopped 5,217 attempts to drive drunk, including 1,365 in 2018.

Why MADD calls the law all-offender? In order for a convicted first-time drunk driver to drive during a license suspension, he or she must install an interlock for the first four months of the suspension or choose not to drive for six months

Ignition Interlock Law Overview and MADD Legislative Recommendations

How soon can an ignition interlock be installed?		Duration on ignition interlock
First offense	Upon conviction	4 months
Second offense	Upon conviction	12 months
First refusal	Upon conviction	6 months

Compliance Based Removal?

Yes

A first-time offender must have 90 days of no recordable violations in order to have the device removed.

Day-for-Day Credit for early installation?

Yes

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

At or below two hundred percent (200%) but above one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the federal poverty guidelines, shall pay only seventy-five percent (75%) of fees established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection. At or below one hundred fifty percent (150%) but above one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty guidelines, shall pay only fifty percent (50%) of fees established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection; or at or below one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty guidelines, shall pay only twenty-five percent (25%) of fees established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection;

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

Yes

A fee of no more than \$200 the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.