

# Maine

Maine’s all-offender ignition interlock law went into effect on December 1, 2013. As of December 2017, there were 544 interlocks installed in Maine. Between 2006 to 2018, interlocks stopped 14,594 attempts to drive drunk, including 1,235 in 2018.

**Why MADD calls the law all-offender? We call it all-offender as in order for a first-time offender must use an interlock in order to drive during a license suspension period.**

## Ignition Interlock Law Overview and MADD Legislative Recommendations

How soon can an ignition interlock be installed?		Duration on ignition interlock	Legislative Recommendation
First offense	30 days after revocation	5 months	<i>Eliminate any waiting period for a person before he or she installs an interlock. Allow for the use of interlocks for refusals.</i>
Second offense	9 months after revocation	2 years	
First refusal	Interlocks not available for refusals		
Compliance Based Removal?			No
Legislative Recommendation	<i>Add a compliance based removal component to the law (a user must prove a certain period of sober driving before exiting the interlock program).</i>		
Day-for-Day Credit for early installation?			No
Legislative Recommendation	<i>Allow for the use of ignition interlock after arrest and credit early installation of an interlock toward time ordered on an interlock upon conviction.</i>		
Do plea agreements or reductions in the original DUI charge include the requirement of an interlock?			No
Legislative Recommendation	<i>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.</i>		
Indigent Program?			Yes
A person certified by the Secretary of State to install an interlock shall provide for a reduction of costs, inclusive of the total fees and charges assessed to the individual having the interlock installed, of at least 50% if the individual demonstrates, using the individual's most recent federal income tax return, that the individual has an adjusted gross household income of not more than 150% of the poverty guidelines for the relevant tax year as established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services for that individual's family size.			
Interlock user fees (not including leasing costs of the device)			Yes

An application fee of \$50 to the Secretary of State.