

Maryland

Maryland’s all-offender interlock law, Noah’s Law, went into effect October 1, 2016. As of December 2017, there were 10,603 interlocks installed in Maryland. Between 2006 to 2018, interlocks stopped 57,622 attempts to drive drunk, including 7,907 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 court or DMV issued license revocation period.

Ignition Interlock Law Overview and MADD Legislative Recommendations

How soon can an ignition interlock be installed?		Duration on ignition interlock
First offense	Upon Arrest	6 months
Second offense		1 year
First refusal		270 days
Compliance Based Removal?		Yes
Participant must prove to MVA that during the last three months on the program the person has not: 1) An attempt to star the vehicle with a BAC of .04 or more unless a subsequent test performed within 10 minutes registered a BAC lower than .04. 2) A failure to take or pass a random test with a BAC of .025 or lower unless a subsequent test performed within 10 minutes registered a BAC lower than .025. 3) A failure of the participant to appear at the approved service provider when required for maintenance, repair, calibration, monitoring, inspection or replacement of the device causing the device to cease to function.		
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	<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
The MVA’s interlock participation fee may be waived for participants experiencing financial hardship. Interlock providers are required to reduce the cost of an interlock if they are indigent. A person can qualify if the person meets the guidelines for Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or the Maryland Food Supplement Program.		
Interlock user fees (not including leasing costs of the device)		Yes
\$47 to DMV to participate in the program.		