

Massachusetts

Since January 1, 2006, Massachusetts requires the use of interlocks for repeat offenders. As of December 2017, there were 5,907 interlocks installed in Massachusetts. Between 2006 to 2018, interlocks stopped 39,482 attempts to drive drunk, including 3,764 in 2018.

Why MADD does not call the law all-offender? Interlocks are not available for first-time offenders.

Ignition Interlock Law Overview and MADD Legislative Recommendations

How soon can an ignition interlock be installed?		Duration on ignition interlock	Legislative Recommendation
First offense	Interlocks not available for first-time offenders		<i>Require interlocks for all convicted drunk drivers. 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	1 year after conviction	2 years	
First refusal	Interlocks not available for refusals		
Compliance Based Removal?			Yes
Upon completion of the required period, the interlock will not be authorized for removal if the person had any interlock infractions or violations during the past six consecutive months.			
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?			No
Legislative Recommendation	<i>Create an indigent program so low-income interlock users have access to these devices. This program should be paid for by interlock vendors or non-indigent interlock users.</i>		
Interlock user fees (not including leasing costs of the device)			None