North Dakota

Judges have the discretion to order ignition interlocks for first-time convicted drunk drivers or DMV can issue an interlock as part of a restricted license, but no Judges order an ignition interlock. As of December 2017, there were three interlocks installed in North Dakota. Between 2006 to 2018, interlocks stopped 322 attempts to drive drunk in North Dakota, including 8 in 2018.

Why MADD does not call the law all-offender? Judges are not required to order an interlock for first-time offenders.

Ignition Interlock Law Overview and MADD Legislative Recommendations

How soon can an ign installed?	ition interlock be	Duration on ignition interlock	Legislative Recommendation
First offense	30 days after revocation	Unclear	Require interlocks for all first-time drunk drivers. Eliminate waiting time for repeat offenders to install an interlock. Allow for the
Second offense	Unclear	Unclear	
First refusal	Interlocks not available for first-time refusals		use of interlocks for any refusal
Compliance Based Removal?			No
Legislative Recommendation	Add a compliance based removal component to the law (a user must prove a certain period of sober driving before exiting the interlock program).		
Day-for-Day Credit for early installation?			No
Legislative Recommendation	Allow for the use of ignition interlock after arrest and credit early installation of an interlock toward time ordered on an interlock upon conviction.		
Do plea agreements or reductions in the original DUI charge include the requirement of an interlock?			
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?			No
Legislative Recommendation	Create an indigent program interlock vendors or non-ind		hese devices. This program should be paid for by
Interlock user fees (not including leasing costs of the device)			None