

## Vermont

Vermont's all-offender interlock law went into effect July 1, 2016. As of December 2017, there were 1,136 interlocks installed in Vermont. Between 2006 to 2018, interlocks stopped 9,094 attempts to drive drunk, including 1,556 in 2018.

**Why MADD does call the law all-offender? All drunk drivers must use an interlock in order to drive during an driver license agency imposed license suspension.**

### Ignition Interlock Law Overview and MADD Legislative Recommendations

How soon can an ignition interlock be installed?		Duration on ignition interlock	Legislative Recommendation
First offense	Upon Revocation	6 months	<i>Eliminate waiting time for refusal offenders to install an interlock.</i>
Second offense	Upon Revocation	18 months	
First refusal	30 days after revocation	9 months	

**Compliance Based Removal?** Yes

If a person makes 3 attempts to start a vehicle with a BAC of .04 or above, the interlock requirements will be extended for a period of 3 months. Any subsequent 3 attempts to start a vehicle with a BAC of .04 or above, will result in additional 3 month extensions which will run consecutively. If a person fails one random retest due to a BAC of .04 or above, but less than .08, the interlock requirements will be extended for a period of 3 months. Any subsequent random retest failures due to a BAC of .04 or above, but less than .08, will result in additional 3 month extensions which will run consecutively. If a person fails one random retest due to a BAC of .08 or above, the interlock requirements will be extended for a period of 6 months. If a person 1) operates a motor vehicle not equipped with an interlock, or 2) attempt to tamper with or circumvent the device, or 3) failure to pullover after failing a random retest, the interlock requirements will be extended for a period of six months. If a person misses a required service visit to have the interlock calibrated, the interlock requirements will be extended for a period of sixty days.

**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?** 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

In order for DMV to approve an interlock vendor, the manufacturer must agree to reduce the cost of the device by at least 50% for persons who prove that they receive 3Squares, LIHEAP, or Reach Up benefits or like benefits in another state.

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

Must pay \$125 to the DMV for an interlock restricted license and \$150 for a GPS enabled interlock license. For offenders on an interlock longer than one year, the interlock license must be renewed with the \$125/\$150 cost each year.