
Ignition Interlock Information for Law Enforcement

171.306 Ignition Interlock Device

All ignition interlock devices are mandated to fail at 0.02 or higher

To assure that the device is properly installed in the car and the driver has not been drinking, ask the driver to shut off their vehicle, wait two minutes and restart it by using the ignition interlock. Also, have the driver tug on the cord to ensure that it is properly hooked up to the device. If you find that the device has been circumvented. It's important to document the circumvention.

A driver can be approved for full or limited driving privileges with an ignition interlock restriction. The restriction will show as a "Y" restriction. Their status will show either valid or limited depending on the amount of alcohol offenses they have. It's important to check the driver license/limited license and driving record. The restriction will be shown on the back of the driver's license as "ignition interlock required". It will show the same on the CJIS record and on the LE website the restriction will read "vehicle operated must be equipped with ignition interlock".

Exception

Permits are provided by DVS that allows the person to drive an employer owned vehicle without an interlock device while in the normal course and scope of employment duties.

- Cannot be self-employed
- Cannot drive rental cars

Impound Plates

Plates should be impounded for first time offenders with an alcohol-concentration at 0.16 and all multiple offenders.

Ignition Interlock Violations

_ 171.09 Subd1 (g)

— Misdemeanor — for a person who holds an ignition interlock restricted license to driver a vehicle not equipped with a functioning ignition interlock device.

_ 171.306 Subd 6 (a)

— Misdemeanor — for a person to knowingly lend, rent, or lease a motor vehicle that is not equipped with a ignition interlock device to a person with a restricted ignition interlock driver license

_ 171.306 Subd 6 (b)

— Misdemeanor — for a person to tamper with, circumvent, or bypass the ignition interlock device, or assists another to do so.

There are service centers within 50 miles of nearly every participant. During the Installation the participant is properly trained to use the device.