

THE DWI Offender

First Offenders: As of July 1, 2000, a first offender charged & convicted of driving while impaired with a BAC of .16 or above is required by law to drive only an ignition interlock equipped vehicle. Judges may also choose to require the interlock for first offenders convicted with less than a .16 BAC.

Multiple Offenders: The Division of Motor Vehicles uses the interlock in the hearing process which determines conditional restoration for petitioners convicted of two or more DWI offenses within a period of up to 10 years.

How is the Interlock verified? Some judges may require the first offender to show proof of install (from the interlock vendor) prior to issuing the limited driving privilege. Other judges may not. DMV requires all offenders to have vendor's verification of install and/or verification of time used prior to restoration.

How long is the Interlock required? First offenders must have the device for one year, either during suspension or afterwards when applying for a regular drivers license with DMV. Multiple offender terms vary from 2 to 7 years, depending on the number of convictions within a 10 year period and whether the last charge occurred before or after July 1, 2000.

Installation of the Interlock

If the ignition interlock is part of a DWI offender's requirements to drive, the person may call Monitech, Inc. at 1-800-521-4246 to schedule an appointment for installation. In many cases, *install verification is required before a privilege is granted.*

When to call? Appointments can normally be scheduled within one to three weeks, sometimes four. The first offender, if conviction is probable, may wish to call four weeks in advance of court date. By calling early, an appointment can be more easily scheduled to coincide with conviction and help reduce or prevent interruption of the driving privilege. To be safe, call as soon as possible for the current lead time.

Which vehicles? North Carolina statutes require the interlock to be installed on all vehicles to be driven by the participant and to be personally activated by said participant. Further, all vehicles registered to the participant are to be interlock-equipped. For very limited exceptions involving employer vehicles and registered vehicles "not in possession", please refer to *Motor Vehicle Laws of North Carolina* under 20-179.3(g5) and 20-17.8(c1) respectively.

Please Remember

- A licensed driver must drive the interlock program participant to the installation unless prior to conviction or otherwise noted by the presiding judge.
- At installation, a verification form will be provided as proof of installation. All installations and services are by appointment. See costs on back.
- A manual is provided for study and a demo-interlock with which to practice. A technician is available to go through the manual with the driver and family to assist in learning the testing technique.
- Failure to follow rules and directives must be reported by Monitech to DMV and/or the Court. Monitech has no recourse in reporting designated violations.
- An emergency number is available 24 hours a day / seven days a week to assist in unit difficulties.
- Alcohol contamination of any type or from any source can cause test failure. BAC failure results in temporary lockout for 1st offenders & possible loss of license for multiple offenders.
- Driving a vehicle without interlock is subject to a charge of driving while license revoked and loss of license.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW BEFORE INSTALLATION

<u>Ashboro</u>	<i>Ashville/Arden</i>
<i>Bryson City</i>	<i>Charlotte</i>
<i>Durham</i>	<i>Fayetteville</i>
<i>Forest City</i>	<i>Greensboro</i>
<i>Greenville</i>	<i>Kill Devil Hills</i>
<i>Lumberton</i>	<i>Plymouth</i>
<i>Raleigh</i>	<i>Roanoke Rapids</i>
<i>Rockingham</i>	<i>Taylorsville</i>
<i>Warsaw</i>	<i>Wilmington</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Winston-Salem</i>

New locations are presently under consideration in a number of other areas and specific locations may vary. Inquire when making appointment for nearest site. Clients may utilize any location.

Sites and costs are subject to change. Specific directions & costs are provided when calling for appointment.

All offices are not open every day & service is by appointment. Please refrain from scheduling installation until assured of interlock necessity and the likelihood of appearance. Failure to show incurs a substantial surcharge.

Please call Monitech, Inc. toll free at
1-800-521-4246

IGNITION INTERLOCK IN THE RESTORATION OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES FOR DWI OFFENDERS

*A program by the State of
North Carolina requiring
breath analyzer ignition
interlock devices on vehicles
driven by DWI offenders*

GUIDELINES FOR THE OFFENDER

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The ignition interlock is a small alcohol breath analyzer that resembles a CB radio. It is not difficult to use, but does require the driver to blow air into the unit each time before the vehicle is started and randomly thereafter. *The ignition interlock.....*

- requires \$198.40 at time of installation. This cost includes \$70 for install, \$120 for 1st two month's advance lease fee, and \$8.40 sales tax.
- costs \$60.00 per month to lease (plus \$4.20 tax)
- costs \$70.00 to change vehicles
- may incur a surcharge of \$70.00 for failure to show for a scheduled install appointment.
- requires one to two hours to install & the user to be present during the installation.
- sometimes requires a refundable deposit if installed prior to conviction.
- is for all cars and trucks but not motorcycles & can be used by other drivers in the family.
- is monitored every two months for violations and calibration; at which time the next 2 month's advance lease fee & tax is required (\$128.40).
- is alcohol specific with no "false" positives.
- requires early return for service and possible loss of driving privilege if major violations occur.