



NEVADA IMPAIRED DRIVING LAWS—IGNITION INTERLOCK NRS 484C.450-.480

Beginning October 1, 2018 any individual who is arrested for DUI will be required to install an ignition interlock device (IID) on their vehicle in order to reinstate their driving privileges. An ignition interlock is a device installed in a vehicle that measures the level of alcohol in breath. Connected directly to a vehicle's ignition system, drivers are required to blow into the attached mouthpiece to test their breath alcohol concentration. If alcohol is detected, the interlock device prevents the vehicle from starting. By law, ignition interlock devices are equipped with cameras to confirm that the individual who provided the breath is the one driving the vehicle.

HOW THE IGNITION INTERLOCK PROGRAM WORKS



Who is required to install an ignition interlock device?

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What is an ignition interlock device?

An ignition interlock is a device with a camera installed in a vehicle that measures the level of alcohol in breath and prevents a vehicle from starting if alcohol is detected. The average cost of an ignition interlock is \$2-\$3 per day or \$60-\$80 a month for the device. The law includes provisions for those who qualify for financial assistance.



Why are ignition interlocks important?

Of the 309 fatalities on Nevada's roadways in 2017, one-third involved impairment. Ignition interlocks are a proven countermeasure to reduce impaired driving incidents, serious injuries, and fatalities. Ignition interlocks improve public safety and allow drivers to quickly obtain a driver's license with an interlock and continue getting to where they need to go.



When will the new law go into effect?

On October 1, 2018 legislative changes made to NRS 484C .450 -.480 will go into effect. Nevada joins thirty other states in implementing an all offender mandatory ignition interlock law.

IGNITION INTERLOCK PROGRAM FAQs

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How does an ignition interlock device work?

•The driver will be required to blow into a mouthpiece prior to starting the vehicle so the device can measure the Breath Alcohol Content (BrAC). A camera system is included to verify the identity of the individual providing the breath sample. A random retest is required to the destination of travel.

Are ignition interlock devices effective in preventing drunk driving?

•The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety recently announced new research demonstrating that state laws requiring ignition interlock device (IID) use for all drunk driving offenders reduced drunk driving crash fatalities by 16 percent. Ignition Interlock has been studied numerous times over a period of decades and is proven to increase safety and reduces impaired driving and impaired driving recidivism. (Traffic Injury Research Foundation)

Are ignition interlock devices held to any quality standards?

•Ignition interlock devices must meet the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) model specification and be approved by the Nevada Committee on Testing for Intoxication.

Where do drivers go to have an ignition interlock device installed?

•Currently, Nevada has nine approved vendors with over 32 service centers across the State. With the implementation of the law it is anticipated that service centers will increase. An exemption is provided if the person resides more than 100 miles from a service center. A list of the current vendors can be found on the DMV's website located here: www.dmvnv.com/dlsuspension.htm#interlock

Will an ignition interlock device damage a vehicle?

•When installed and removed by an authorized service center an ignition interlock should not damage a vehicle.

What happens if a driver fails the breath test when attempting to start their car?

•If a driver fails a breath test the vehicle will not start and the driver will have ten minutes to provide additional breath samples.

Can an ignition interlock device shut a vehicle off?

•Ignition interlock devices can only prevent a vehicle from starting and won't ever turn a vehicle off. Once the driver has successfully passed a test and started the vehicle, interlocks cannot affect the operation of the vehicle.

Can other people operate a vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock?

•Any licensed driver may drive the vehicle as long as they activate and operate the ignition interlock device as required.

What happens if an offender operates a motor vehicle without a device or tampers with the device?

•The driver will have their driving privileges revoked and maybe punished by imprisonment in jail for not less than 30 days and a fine of \$500 - \$1000. An individual who provides a breath sample on behalf of the driver to start the vehicle is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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