

Q: What does the monitoring agency do?

A: The monitoring agency will:

- ⇒ Review your Conditional Discharge, Motor Vehicle Ownership Affidavit, and your DMV title and registration history.
- ⇒ Notify the Court with any discrepancies (vehicles not indicated in Motor Vehicle Affidavit, etc.).
- ⇒ Run your license, registration, and title history every 60-90 days.
- ⇒ Review all interlock violations and report to the Court.
- ⇒ Request permission, upon request from defendant and/or their attorney, for early terminations after six months of consecutive installation of a device.
- ⇒ Prepare all documentation for removal of devices.
- ⇒ Prepare and send paperwork to the defendant for DMV restriction to be lifted from their license.

Q: What violations of the IID unit are reported to the court?

A:

- ⇒ Failure to install a device as required
- ⇒ Failure to have unit serviced
- ⇒ Tampering or circumventing a device
- ⇒ Failed or missed start up re-test
- ⇒ Failed or missed rolling re-test
- ⇒ Report of a lockout
- ⇒ Any test registering .025% or higher!

APPROVED VENDORS:

As of 04/4/25

LifeSafer

lifesafes.com

1-800-634-3077

Consumer Safety

Technology, Inc.

(Intoxalock)

www.intoxalock.com

(888) 283-6148

RoadGuard Interlock

roadguardinterlock.com

1-833-545-0368

Smart Start, Inc.

www.SmartStartInc.com

(800) 880-3394

Niagara
County

Ignition Interlock



For questions please contact
The Niagara County Probation
Department at 716-438-4055

What is Ignition Interlock?

An ignition interlock device connects to a motor vehicle ignition system and measures the alcohol content in the breath of the driver. The device prevents the vehicle from being started until the motorist provides an acceptable breath sample below NY's set-point of .025%.

The device records and transmits the following:

- ⇒ Attempts to start the vehicle
- ⇒ The alcohol level of the individual
- ⇒ The alcohol level at during vehicle operation
- ⇒ Attempts to bypass the device
- ⇒ A picture of the individual taking the test
- ⇒ The location of your vehicle.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: When do I have to have the Ignition Interlock Device installed?

A: You must have the device installed within 10 business days of the condition being imposed by the Court.

Q: Will it damage my car?

A: No, it is connected to the wiring of the vehicle under the dash and hood. At de-installation, the wiring is returned to its original condition.

Q: Who pays for the device?

A: You pay for all the related costs unless the court grants a waiver or reduction of fees.

Q: How often does it need service?

A: Every 30-60 days, possibly more frequently if there are violations.

Q: What if I live outside of Niagara County or New York State?

A: An out-of-county or out-of-state resident must comply with a New York ignition interlock device order.

Q: What if I have more than one vehicle?

A: You may not operate any vehicle without an Ignition Interlock device. You must install a device on any vehicle you own, have registered, have title to or operate. **If you have a motorcycle registered and/or titled in your name, it **MUST** be transferred out of your name or you will be returned to Court.

Q: What if I rent a vehicle?

A: Any vehicle you operate **MUST** have an Ignition Interlock device installed— even a rental vehicle.

Q: Can other people besides the participant drive the interlock equipped vehicle?

A: Yes, anyone driving the vehicle must use the interlock and is responsible for any violations. All other drivers should be trained on the operation of the device.

Q: What if I'm caught operating a vehicle without an ignition interlock device?

A: A person who is subject to court ordered Ignition Interlock who operates a vehicle without a device is guilty of a misdemeanor. You could face a significant fine, up to a year in jail, and/or 3 years Probation.

Q: If I am granted a "20 Day Stay" am I allowed to drive without an Ignition Interlock?

A: NO! Once an IID condition is imposed by the Court (either at sentencing or in advance of sentencing) you are no longer allowed to operate a vehicle without an ignition interlock device.

Q: What if I choose not to drive?

A: If you choose not to drive and do not have a motor vehicle registered and/or titled to you, you must contact the monitoring agency at the end of your one year Ignition Interlock term for paperwork releasing you from the restriction.

Q: What type of vehicles require Ignition Interlock?

A: Installation is required on any motor vehicle operated on a public highway.