

Interlock Focus



Quarterly newsletter for the interlock industry

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Praise and progress: MADD ratings released

MADD released their annual Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving Report earlier this year. The report rates aspects of each state's drunk driving laws, including ignition interlocks, sobriety checkpoints, administrative license revocation (ALR), child endangerment and no-refusal laws. Two Midwestern states stood out; Wisconsin and Illinois.

Wisconsin did not fare well – earning two out of five stars. They continue to be the only state in the nation where a first drunk driving offense is not a crime. A first time offender in Wisconsin receives a traffic ticket. Wisconsin failed to meet three of the five criteria, by not requiring ignition interlocks for all convicted drunk drivers, not having sobriety checkpoints and allowing drivers to refuse a chemical sobriety test. However, the state has made some progress in preventing drunk driving by passing legislation requiring ignition interlocks for first-time convicted drunk drivers with a BAC of greater than 0.15 in 2009.

According to Wisconsin MADD spokesperson, John Vose, DUI offenders continue to drive illegally. "What doesn't work is taking away people's cars and licenses. If someone needs to drive, say for their job, they will, with or without a license," Vose said. "The only way to make sure someone doesn't get behind the wheel when they've been drinking is an ignition lock system."

Currently a bill is on the table that would require any driver pulled over and arrested for operating while intoxicated to have an ignition interlock system installed in every vehicle they own and or drive. MADD hopes to aid Wisconsin in improving their drinking and driving laws.

In contrast, Illinois has again received top marks from MADD. Since



2009, Illinois has required installation of ignition interlocks in every driver's vehicle that has been convicted of a DUI.

The state has met and exceeded every requirement earning them five out of five stars. They have continued to refine their Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device (BAIID) program – one of the key reasons for their superior rating. Sobriety checkpoints have continued to be an effective tactic for reducing drunk driving as well as their strict no-refusal law.

Sam Canzoneri, executive director of MADD-Illinois, says law enforcement deserves much of the credit for Illinois's success. "It all starts with law enforcement going out and actually initiating the traffic stop and taking the offenders off the road, and whether it be the Illinois State Police or law enforcement within any given jurisdiction, they're out working very, very hard," he said.

Find the full MADD 2014 Report to the Nation [here](#). ■

Legislatures are in the thick of it ... so are ignition interlocks

With April upon us most capitol domes are a flurry of activity as crucial deadlines loom. Somewhat unexpectedly, ignition interlock legislation is as hot as ever. With this being the midyear of the two year legislative cycle and many states having only shortened budget sessions, not to mention four states having no session at all, 2014 was expected to be a lighter year for interlock legislation.



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NOT THE CASE—Last year's record of 83 ignition interlock bills being introduced has already fallen, being exceeded by three. The number of ignition interlock bills passed so far is up to nine, ahead of where we were last year. The scope of this year's bills in most cases is less, but numerous they are.

What's the hot topic? Without a doubt it is "Compliance-based Monitoring". This

provision has states extending ignition interlock time for violations rather than canceling driving privileges. At the start of this year, almost half of the states had this provision on their books, but this year, 17 pieces of legislation include this in their language. It may be the most understated, but important change to ignition interlock laws ever.

The concept is very simple: if an offender continues to drink and drive by blowing positive samples, then public safety demands that they be required to continue with their car breathalyzer device for a longer period of time—until they prove that they have been clean for an extended period of time and deserve to be reinstated. Under the old system, a violation meant that the offender's permit was canceled, the ignition interlock was removed and they were prohibited from driving. This system is said to have encouraged offenders to drive illegally with no ignition interlock at all to prevent them from driving drunk. It will be interesting to see how 2014 legislation accepts this concept, stay tuned for more information on our next update! ■

New calibration process improves device accuracy

Accuracy and consistency are extremely important in the ignition interlock industry. Intoxalock strives to be the best in these areas, continuing to test new methods and processes. Recently we began using a triple bath breath simulation process to ensure the consistency and accuracy of the samples used to calibrate Intoxalock hand-held devices. By using three breath simulators in series, we are able to deliver a consistent and reliable 0.050 Breath

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the calibration samples. The sample temperature remains near human breath temperature with much higher consistency than with using a single bath breath simulator. Air temperature can vary slightly due to the amount of air flowing through a single breath simulator. This is important because temperature plays a pivotal role in measuring BrAC accurately; a drop in breath temperature can result in a large drop in the BrAC reading. The triple bath has three heaters installed in series, fully heating the sample air to a consistent 34 degrees Celsius, matching the average human breath temperature.

By providing a consistent 0.050 BrAC sample at a consistent temperature during calibration, we ensure that all of our ignition interlock devices are calibrated to the same BrAC. This consistency of calibration helps to ensure that every one of our devices deliver consistent results when used by our customers.

Intoxalock aims to implement the triple bath process in every device calibration by the second half of this year. This will become the new calibration standard at Intoxalock. ■

Alcohol Content (BrAC) sample during calibration. It is important that each device receive the same percentage of alcohol during calibration to ensure that the ignition interlock device measures accurately when installed in a customer's vehicle.

Another benefit of using the triple bath is consistent air temperature for

Trade Shows Spring 2014
See you There!

FLEET

NAFA Institute and Expo
When: April 9-10
Where: Minneapolis, MN
[More info](#)

PROBATION

Louisiana Misdemeanor Probation Officers Association
When: April 10-12
Where: Marksville, LA
[More info](#)

PROBATION

Texas Probation Association Conference
When: April 13-16
Where: Corpus Christi, TX
[More info](#)

MULTI

DUII Multidisciplinary Conference
When: April 24 & 25
Where: Lincoln City, OR
[More info](#)

PROBATION

Washington 2014 Impaired Driving Training Symposium
When: April 30 - May 2
Where: Grand Mound, WA

ATTORNEY

2013 Criminal Law Seminar
When: May 2
Where: Des Moines, IA
[More info](#)

MULTI

Missouri Traffic & Safety Conference
When: May 13-15
Where: Columbia, MO
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ATTORNEY

Kuwatch All Day DUI Seminar & Annual CDLA Meeting
When: May 17
Where: TBD, CA
[More info](#)

CORRECTIONS

Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs 2014 Spring Exposition and Training Conference
When: May 19-22
Where: Spokane, WA
[More info](#)

PROBATION

Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers 57th Annual Spring Conference
When: May 21 & 21
Where: Brainerd, MN
[More info](#)

COURT

National Association of Drug Court Professional (NADCP)
When: May 28-31
Where: Anaheim, CA
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ATTORNEY

Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association
When: June 2
Where: Westbrook CT
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ATTORNEY

CPDA - Monterey DUI Seminar - CA Public Defenders Conference
When: June 18
Where: Monterey, CA
[More info](#)

PROBATION

COPA
When: June 23-25
Where: Niagara Falls, NY
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Look for us!

In the next couple of months, Intoxalock will be attending over 14 tradeshows and conferences pertaining to attorneys, courts, probation, corrections and fleet alcohol monitoring. We have an exciting schedule that covers the country ranging from California to Connecticut- we hope to see you there!

If we are coming to a site near you please let us know and schedule an appointment or drop by our booth. We will have our Home eLERT unit on hand for demonstration. Home eLERT uses the same technology as our ignition interlock systems but provides an affordable home alcohol monitoring alternative to transdermal testing.

If you do have any questions or would like to request materials or schedule a presentation or meeting with one of our business developers please email Partners@Intoxalock.com.