

Ignition Interlock Devices

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The number of traffic deaths involving drunk drivers decreased significantly between the 1980s and mid-1990s, but the decade since 1998 has seen almost no decline in fatalities. In an effort to reduce the number of drunk driving fatalities, antidrunk driving groups have begun supporting the use of ignition interlock devices, which require a driver to pass a breathalyzer before their car will start. Many states already require the devices for repeat drunk drivers, but recent efforts have focused on those convicted of their first drunk driving offense. Opponents consider the measures too restrictive, and not appropriate for first-time offenders. Proponents claim that they will save lives. This bibliography offers a list of resources about ignition interlock devices as well as some resources about drunk driving in general.

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Related Web Sites

American Beverage Institute: www.abionline.org/issues.cfm
Drunk Driving issues page.

The Century Council: www.centurycouncil.org "Distillers fighting drunk driving and underage drinking."

DUI Blog: www.duiblog.com "Bad Drunk Driving Laws, False Evidence and a Fading Constitution" by DUI defense attorney, Lawrence Taylor.

DWI Resource Center, Inc.: <http://dwiresourcecenter.org>
"Reducing DWI death and injury in New Mexico through data driven, research-based solutions."

Governors Highway Safety Association:
www.ghsa.org/html/issues/impaireddriving.html
GHSA Issues: Drunk and Drug Impaired Driving.

Insurance Institute for Highway Safety:
www.iihs.org/research/topics/alcohol_drugs.html "Alcohol & Drugs" page. Includes comparisons of states' laws. The "Alcohol Deterrence & Enforcement" section in the "Q & As" includes references to studies about deterrence and enforcement.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD): www.madd.org/getdoc/af77b40d-d2e7-4852-b632-63bf85c215af/Ignition-Interlocks.aspx Link to the MADD page about ignition interlock devices.

National Conference of State Legislatures: www.ncsl.org/programs/transportation/DrunkDriving.htm State Drunk Driving Laws.

The National Motorists Association: www.motorists.org Web site of a Wisconsin-based association that opposes drunk driving laws that members feel are too restrictive of citizens' constitutional rights.

National Survey on Drug Use and Health:
<http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k8/stateDUI/stateDUI.htm>
"State Estimates of Persons Aged 18 or Older Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Illicit Drugs."

New Mexico Department of Public Safety: www.dps.nm.org/lawEnforcement/dwi/dwiResources.php DWI Prevention – Resources.

Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation: www.pire.org/interlocksymposium07.htm Proceedings of the Eighth International Ignition Interlock Symposium, August 26-27, 2007. Includes PowerPoint slide shows of presentations.

State Bar of Wisconsin: www.legalexplorer.com/legal/legal-QA.asp?PositionPoint=15&Sid=15#sub Legal explorer: drunk driving.

U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA): www.nhtsa.dot.gov Includes information about various aspects of alcohol and driving.

U.S. National Library of Medicine, MedlinePlus:
www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/impaireddriving.html
Resources about impaired driving.

University of Wisconsin Law School: www.law.wisc.edu/rcid
Resource Center on Impaired Driving.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation:
www.dot.wisconsin.gov/library/publications/topic/safety.htm
Safety publications.

Wisconsin State Law Library:
<http://wsll.state.wi.us/topic/justice/crimlaw/drun.html>
Drunk driving resources; includes a section on ignition interlock devices.