

Support ignition interlocks for all convicted DUI offenders

In 2008, 11,773 people were killed in crashes involving a drunk driver. Fortunately, there is a technology that has the potential to eliminate these preventable deaths -- the ignition interlock. These sophisticated devices can prevent a vehicle from being driven by a drunk driver. If they are used correctly -- in concert with treatment, in addition to hard license suspensions and in the vehicles until they are no longer needed -- they can stop repeat offenses.

People who have previous drunk driving convictions make up approximately one-third of the drunk driving problem in America. These are people who have been failed by a system that has in turn failed to keep the rest of us safe. Even first-time offenses are serious indicators that a person is likely to become a repeat offender. First-time offenders have driven drunk an average of 87 times before they are convicted and most likely have a serious problem with alcohol.

Studies have shown that ignition interlocks can decrease repeat offenses by **64%**. We have the technology and we know how to reverse the trend, but the laws haven't been passed yet making this technology mandatory for ***ALL*** convicted DUI offenders.

Currently twelve states require or provide strong incentives for ignition interlocks for all persons convicted of DUI -- Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Nebraska, New York, New Mexico, Utah and Washington. If you are a resident of one of the other 38 states, **[contact your legislators and tell them you support saving lives and eliminating repeat drunk driving offenses by mandating ignition interlocks for all convicted DUI offenders.](#)**

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