

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I have to have an IID installed on my work vehicle?

*No, as long as the employer's vehicle is used solely for the employer's business purposes, and the business is not owned in whole or in part by you, a member of your household or an immediate family member.*

2. Another person drives my vehicle sometimes. Will they have to blow into the IID to operate my vehicle?

*Yes*

3. What happens if I drive my vehicle without an IID?

*This is a new offense and would result in new charges against you.*

4. What if I own/drive multiple vehicles?

*The statute requires an interlock device on all vehicles you routinely operate.*

5. What if the vehicle is not registered to me?

*You must install an ignition interlock device in the vehicle that you drive, regardless of who is listed on the registration.*



6. Where do I go to have the IID Installed?

*A list of certified vendors is located on the SCDPPPS website. You may also get a list of vendors from the DMV website.*

7. Will the IID turn off the vehicle while I'm driving?

*No, at no point will the ignition interlock device shut off a vehicle.*

8. What happens if I have repair work done on a car with an IID?

*You should inform the vendor prior to having the vehicle worked on and then present the receipt at the next calibration appointment. Note that anytime the battery is disconnected due to service work, you must bring a repair receipt to the next appointment.*

For Additional Information, contact the  
IID Program Manager at  
[ignition@ppp.state.sc.us](mailto:ignition@ppp.state.sc.us) or 803-734-9220

You may also visit the  
SCDPPPS Website at  
[www.dppps.sc.gov/ignition\\_interlock.html](http://www.dppps.sc.gov/ignition_interlock.html)

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## What is an Ignition Interlock Device?

An Ignition Interlock Device, commonly referred to as an "IID," is a device the size of a hand held calculator that prevents a vehicle from starting if it detects a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) over a pre-set level. It is located inside the vehicle, near the driver's seat, and is connected to the engine's ignition system. A driver who operates a vehicle with an IID installed must blow air into the device before the vehicle is started and randomly while the vehicle is in motion. If the BAC is above a specified level, the vehicle will not start. If the BAC of the driver is above a specified level and the vehicle is in motion, the vehicle's lights will blink and the horn will sound depending on the device installed.

## Who Pays for the IID?

The driver will bear all costs of the IID. The cost to have the IID installed and the monthly maintenance fee will be based on the IID vendor's pricing schedule.

## Who Is Required To Have An IID Installed?

Any South Carolina resident who is convicted in South Carolina of a second or subsequent Driving Under the Influence offense (DUI) is required to have an IID installed on their vehicle if they intend to regain their driver's license following the required suspension period. All vehicles which the convicted driver will operate must have an IID installed. The IID program is a voluntary program and should you decide not to enroll, your driving privileges will remain suspended for three years beyond the initial suspension period.

## IID Program Administration

The Prevention of Underage Drinking and Access to Alcohol Act was enacted January 1, 2008. The Act provided for the implementation of an IID program and designated the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (SCDPPPS) as the lead agency in administering the program. Along with SCDPPPS, the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) and the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) have all partnered together to develop a program aimed at reducing the incidence of intoxicated driving.



If you have been convicted of a second or subsequent DUI offense, you have completed the required license suspension period, you have completed ADSAP and you wish to get your driver's license back, you must first go to an approved IID vendor to have an IID installed. Once an IID has been installed, the vendor will provide you with a certificate of installation. You must bring the certificate of installation to your local SCDMV office and request an IID Driver's License. Every 60 days after the IID is installed you will need to go back to the vendor who installed the IID and have the device calibrated and the data collected downloaded. This data will be transmitted by the vendor to SCDPPPS headquarters which will review the information. The length of time you will be required to have the IID installed will depend upon your convictions and any violations you might have during the program.

## Violations of the IID Program

While you are enrolled in the IID program there are specific requirements you must meet in order to remain in compliance. Listed below are the violations and the subsequent penalties.

Failure to Go to Vendor Every 60 Days for Calibration - 1 point each occurrence

Attempting to Start Vehicle with BAC of .02 or Greater - ½ point each occurrence

Violation of Running Re-Test with BAC of .02 or Greater - ½ point each occurrence

Violation of Running Re-Test with BAC of .02 to Less Than .04 - ½ point each occurrence

Violation of Running Re-Test with BAC of .04 to Less Than .15 - 1 point each occurrence

Violation of Running Re-Test with BAC of .15 or Greater - 2 points each occurrence

If you accumulate 2 points, your length of time in the IID program will be extended two months. If you accumulate 3 points, your length of time in the IID program will be extended four months and you must receive a substance abuse assessment and complete the plan of treatment as administered by DAODAS' providers. If you accumulate 4 points your driver's license will be suspended for one year and you must receive a substance abuse assessment and complete the treatment plan as administered by DAODAS' providers in order to have your license reinstated.

## Appealing of Points

Should you decide that you want to appeal the imposition of points, you must notify SCDPPPS within 15 days of receiving the notice of points imposition letter.