Mandatory Ignition Interlocks Devices for All Convicted DUI Offenders

Ignition interlock devices (IIDs) are legislatively authorized and/or mandated in all states. Currently 23 states and 4 California counties mandate IIDs for all convicted DUI offenders. Federal law includes financial incentives for states to pass mandatory IID laws for all DUI offenders.

Ignition interlock devices are highly effective for both hardcore drunk drivers and first-time DUI offenders, while they are installed. Interlocks have the most potential to reduce recidivism when couple with other effective interventions such as assessment and treatment.   The technology is reliable and seamless.

Research Highlights:

- Studies show a 50-90 percent reduction in recidivism for offenders who installed IIDs on their vehicles
- Evidence shows IIDs are highly effective in preventing alcohol-impaired driving for both hardcore offenders and first time offenders while they are installed
- Laws requiring IIDs for all DUI offenders have increased ignition interlock installation rates and usage
- Long-term alcohol recovery efforts can be supported by integrating IIDs into treatment programs
- In a national survey, 84 percent of respondents approved of requiring IIDs in the vehicles of convicted DUI offenders
- 74 percent of adults view mandatory ignition interlocks as a very or somewhat effective sanction in keeping drunk drivers off the road

States Requiring Mandatory Ignition Interlock Devices for All Offenders:

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, 4 California counties, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, and Washington

Responsibility.org Position:

The Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility supports mandatory and effective use of IIDs for all convicted DUI offenders. Effective use of IIDs requires proper assessment and treatment, supervision, and verification of installation for all offenders ordered to install an IID.