

## What Is the Ignition Interlock Program?

The Prince Edward Island Ignition Interlock Program will allow early reinstatement of a driver's licence after a drinking and driving conviction, upon a successful application. The program is available to offenders and is designed to encourage these individuals to get help quickly and address any alcohol-related problems.



## How Does an Ignition Interlock Device Work?

Before starting the vehicle, the driver must blow into the device. If the recorded blood alcohol concentration (BAC) is above the pre-set limit, the vehicle will not start. Once the vehicle is started, the interlock device requires random breath samples at pre-set times. If a breath sample is not provided or if the BAC exceeds the limit, the device will issue a warning, record the event, and activate specific alarm systems (i.e., alarm activated, horn honking, etc.) until the ignition is turned off.

## How Can I Apply for Installation of the Device?

After receiving approval of the courts, you may complete and submit the application form included with this brochure.

## How Does the Program Work?

Eligible drivers will have interlock devices installed in their vehicles. The driver will be issued a restricted driver's licence which only allows the individual to operate vehicles equipped with an ignition interlock device.

The device prevents the driver from starting the vehicle if the device detects alcohol above the pre-set level in the driver's breath samples. The driver must return to the installation facility to have the device calibrated and serviced at least every 60 days. Failure to service the system by the required date could result in the device locking itself. The vehicle will not start and will have to be towed or arrangements made with the interlock provider to allow additional days to bring the vehicle in for servicing of the device.

All program activity will be recorded and monitored by the Highway Safety Division by way of a built-in data logger. Warnings will be issued to participants who repeatedly fail the breath tests, and the Highway Safety Division may order the removal of the ignition interlock device and reinstate the suspension period if violations continue.

## Who Is Eligible to Participate in the Program?

The following criteria determine eligibility:

- You have been convicted of impaired driving or refusing a breathalyzer demand.
- The court has authorized your use of an ignition interlock device.
- You have served the court-ordered minimum mandatory prohibition period.
- You have served all other suspensions and paid all outstanding fines.
- You have completed all other reinstatement requirements and conditions.
- The vehicle in which the interlock device is to be installed has a valid registration, insurance and vehicle inspection.

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## Ignition Interlock Program Application

Complete the following information (please print):

Applicant's Full Name	
Driver's Licence Number OR Date of Birth	
Applicant's Signature	
Date	Telephone Number
Email Address (if applicable)	

Ignition Interlock Program Applications may be returned in person, by mail or by Fax:

<b>In Person</b> Transportation and Public Works Highway Safety Division 33 Riverside Drive, Charlottetown, PE	<b>By Mail</b> Transportation and Public Works Highway Safety Division, Driver Records Section PO Box 2000, Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8	<b>By Fax</b> (902) 368-5236	<i>Additional applications available at: www.gov.pe.ca/tpupe</i>
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## *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPP) Statement*

Personal information on this form is collected under Section 13 of Prince Edward Island's *Highway Traffic Act* and will be used to deliver Government of Prince Edward Island services on your behalf. If you have any questions about this collection of personal information, you may contact the Department of Transportation and Public Works FOIPP Co-ordinator, PO Box 2000, Charlottetown PEI – Telephone: (902) 368-5225.

### *Who Pays for the Program?*

All costs are paid for by the participants in the program on a user-pay basis directly to the service provider, Guardian Interlock Systems. Participants are responsible for the cost of installation (\$125), a monthly program fee (\$95) and a removal fee (\$25). If you have any questions about the costs associated with this program please call Guardian Interlock Systems at 1-877-658-6374.

### *What Can I Do If I Do Not Want an Ignition Interlock Device?*

This is not a mandatory program. Drivers who choose not to participate in the Ignition Interlock Program will serve all of their court probation and driver's licence cancellation period.

### *What Are the Penalties for Not Complying With the Ignition Interlock Program?*

Persons enrolled in the program who are convicted of driving without an ignition interlock device, or for tampering with the device, will face fines under the *Highway Traffic Act* ranging from \$500 to \$1,000.

Ignition interlock violations for tampering or driving without a device will be reported to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. Program violations will affect the amount of time the restriction remains on the licence. This may also result in a loss of your licence for the remainder of the original cancellation imposed.

### *How Is the Interlock Restriction Removed?*

Program participants must apply to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to have the restriction removed from their licence. If the restriction period has been completed without any program violations, then the Registrar will issue the order to have the restriction removed. The restriction will remain until an application for removal is approved. As long as the restriction remains on a driver's licence, the driver will only be allowed to drive vehicles that are equipped with an approved ignition interlock device, or be subject to penalties under the *Highway Traffic Act*.

For all telephone inquiries, please telephone:  
Transportation and Public Works  
*Highway Safety Division*  
Records Section  
Tel: (902) 368-5210 – Charlottetown  
Tel: (902) 432-2714 – Summerside

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