



Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device (IID)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device, commonly called an IID, is installed in a vehicle to test your breath alcohol concentration (BAC) before the vehicle can be started. The device prevents the vehicle from operating if your BAC is above 0.02.

If ordered by a judge as part of an Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) conviction, an IID must be installed in every vehicle owned by or registered to you. Motorcycles, mopeds and autocycles are exempt from the IID requirement per Wisconsin State statute.

How to complete your IID requirements

After an OWI conviction, review all court orders to understand the ruling and requirements. The court orders may indicate if installation is required by a certain date. The IID restrictions begin on the date of your court order. The duration of the IID order begins counting down when your license has been reinstated or when you have been issued an occupational license. If any vehicles are owned by or registered to you, all must have an IID installed by the time you apply for an occupational license or reinstatement. You may request vehicle exemptions through the convicting court.

STEP 1: Choose a vendor

- Visit wisconsindmv.gov/IID to choose an approved vendor. Prices and service may vary.

STEP 2: Install the IID

- Contact your preferred vendor:
 - » Set up an account.
 - » Schedule an appointment.
- Arrange for a licensed driver to take your vehicle to and from the appointment.
- Take your court documents to the appointment, including the IID order and reduced fee eligibility form (if applicable).
- Keep a copy of the IID installation paperwork for your records.
- Schedule required service appointments with the vendor every 60 days.
- The vendor will send all necessary documentation to the DMV.

STEP 3: Get your license

- After the IID is installed, allow 48 hours for proof of installation to be uploaded to the DMV database. Then:
 - » Reinstate your license: wisconsindmv.gov/reinstate
 - » Or apply for an occupational license: wisconsindmv.gov/occupational
- You must appear in person at a DMV service center to get an occupational license.
 - » DMV locations: wisconsindmv.gov/centers

STEP 4: Remove the IID after completing all requirements

- Check wisconsindmv.gov/status or review the restrictions on the back of your current license to confirm the IID requirement has been completed before removing.
- Contact your vendor to schedule a removal appointment. No additional documentation is required for the appointment. The vendor will send all required paperwork to the DMV.



wisconsindmv.gov/IID



For questions related to driver license and IID requirements:

Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

☎ (608) 264-7447

✉ wisconsindmv.gov/email



For questions related to the BAIID Program:

Division of Wisconsin State Patrol Chemical Test Section

☎ (608) 243-2946

✉ baiid@dot.wi.gov

Sampling and device use

Before starting a vehicle with an IID, your BAC must be tested by blowing into the device. Additional retests are required throughout the trip at random intervals between five to 30 minutes.

You are allowed five minutes to safely provide a breath sample for each retest. A minimum of 1.5 liters of air is required for each sample. This requirement cannot be lowered for any reason, and there are no medical exceptions.

Sample results

The IID will display one of the following results:

PASS

The driver's BAC is at or below 0.02. The vehicle will operate.

FAIL

The driver's BAC is above 0.02. The vehicle will not operate.

REFUSED OR SKIPPED

No breath was provided. The vehicle will not operate.

ABORT

The breath sample did not meet criteria. The vehicle will not operate.

Violations

If you do not provide a passing breath sample within the five-minute retest window, you will have an opportunity to take a confirmation retest.

If you do not provide a passing breath sample during the confirmation retest, the vehicle will enter Alert Mode and a violation will be recorded.

In Alert Mode, the vehicle's horn will sound and the hazard lights will flash until the vehicle is manually turned off or a passing sample is provided. Please note, the next retest will not occur until five to 30 minutes after Alert Mode is activated.



Violation reset and lockout

A violation reset occurs when the IID detects one of the following:

- Three violations within a single 60-day service interval
- A single circumvention event

When a device is in violation reset, you will have seven days to take the device in for service or it will enter lockout. If lockout occurs, the IID will not allow samples and the vehicle will not start. Your vendor may be able to provide a one-time unlock code, schedule mobile service or help tow the vehicle.

Violation resets are reported to the sheriff's office in the driver's county of residence and the county of conviction, and could result in canceled driving privileges.

Circumvention

Circumvention includes unauthorized, intentional or overt acts to remove, bypass, adjust, alter the settings of, or disconnect a device to disable it. Examples include:

- Providing a sample from someone who is not driving the vehicle
- Failing to complete required service
- Providing a sample that is altered, filtered or not a human breath sample
- Tampering with the device

Frequently Asked Questions

How much will the IID cost?

Pricing depends on factors such as vendor, service center, vehicle type or number of vehicles. Cost information is available at wisconsindmv.gov/IID. You may also contact the vendor for a more precise estimate. If your household income is at or below 150% of the federal poverty level, contact the convicting court to apply for a reduction of fees.



**Federal
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guidelines**

aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines

Why did my device detect alcohol?

An IID might measure other sources of alcohol, including alcohol-based cleaning and hygiene products or food and beverages. Avoid consuming food, medication, or beverages other than water shortly before sampling. If you consumed alcohol, your alcohol concentration may remain above 0.02 for several hours.

What happens if my vehicle needs repairs or I switch vehicles?

Contact your vendor for instructions to avoid violations.