

## BROOME COUNTY IGNITION INTERLOCK PROGRAM

### IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEFENDANTS

As a result of your DWI conviction, you are prohibited from owning and/or operating a motor vehicle (to include motorcycles) without an Ignition Interlock Device (IID) until your restriction is removed.

- If you are found to be driving a vehicle without an IID, you will face misdemeanor charges.
  - Please visit [www.bcstopdwi.com](http://www.bcstopdwi.com) for additional information
1. **If you own or operate a motor vehicle**, an IID must be installed in your vehicle (s) within ten (10) business days of sentencing. NOTE: A search of the NYS DMV records system will be conducted to determine if you are listed as the current owner of any vehicle AND if you have a valid registration for any vehicle. Any vehicle listed in your name on either the title search OR registration search will be considered your vehicle regardless of who is operating it.
  2. **If you DO NOT own or operate a motor vehicle** and do not have an IID installed, you will still have the IID restriction on your license for the duration of the sentence. If at any time you take title of or register a motor vehicle, you must notify the Court and the STOP-DWI Program and have an IID installed.
  3. It is **your** responsibility to contact a vendor of your choice for installation and to pay for all costs associated with the interlock device unless granted a waiver or payment plan by the Court for installation and monthly maintenance costs. Visit [www.bcstopdwi.com](http://www.bcstopdwi.com) and click on the Ignition Interlock Device link for information regarding vendors located in the area. You may also email the STOP-DWI office at [bcstopdwi@co.broome.ny.us](mailto:bcstopdwi@co.broome.ny.us) for information.
  4. **If granted a fee waiver, the STOP-DWI office will assign the specific company for installation.** You must contact the Broome County STOP-DWI Office (Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:00 pm) at 607-778-2056 for instructions.
  5. Please plan your time accordingly to attend the installation which may run 3-4 hours. You will be instructed on how to use the IID. Bring anyone who will be driving the vehicle with you to be instructed.  
**Vendors (installation provider) will need the following:**
    - A copy of your Court Order and Conditions (that you received from the court) which states requirement of the ignition interlock, and the payment plan option selected by the court
    - Picture ID and insurance information
    - A list of everyone who is authorized to drive the vehicle
    - If you do not own the vehicle, bring a notarized statement from the owner authorizing use of the vehicle
  6. If you are an owner of, a partial owner of, or have a controlling interest in a business, you shall have an IID installed in any business-owned vehicle that you intend to operate within the scope of such employment.
  7. If you operate an employer's vehicle during the course of your employment, you shall complete a Statement of Ignition Interlock Acknowledgement confirming that your employer has been notified of the restricted nature of your driver's license requiring installation and maintenance of an IID in any motor vehicle you own or operate. Contact STOP-DWI for the required form and instructions.
  8. For removal of the IID from your vehicle and of the restriction on your license, you must submit a De-Installation Request form available on the [www.bcstopdwi.com](http://www.bcstopdwi.com) website within 2 weeks of satisfying your sentence. The Court DOES NOT issue the required documents for removal of the device or restriction.
  9. **You may be approved for early removal of the IID restriction** if you install the IID and maintain it for 6 months without having any violations that result in a court ordered extension of the minimum restriction period.

# What is an Ignition Interlock Device?

An Ignition Interlock Device (IID) is a breath analyzer installed into a vehicle to prevent a person from starting the engine, or in certain cases, to continue to operate a motor vehicle after having consumed alcohol. The driver must blow into the device before the vehicle will start. The device records the following:

1. Attempts to start the vehicle.
2. The alcohol level of the individual at the time of starting the vehicle.
3. The alcohol level at random intervals.
4. Date and times the vehicle is operated.
5. Attempts to circumvent the device.

## If I Have an Ignition Interlock Device Installed, What Products Should I Avoid Prior to Driving a Vehicle?

- Alcohol products – beer, wine, hard liquor, etc.
- Desserts or other foods cooked with alcohol or containing alcohol – contrary to popular belief, the alcohol does not “burn off” during cooking. Foods with significant amounts of vanilla extract, wine vinegar, soy sauce, and others with alcohol content on their labels.
- Mouthwash, toothpaste, tooth whiteners or any other product that may contain alcohol.
- Perfumes, colognes, after-shave lotions, hand sanitizers, astringents, insecticides, or deodorant sprays within the vehicle.
- “Alcohol-free” beer and wine.
- Some prescription medications – example: asthma inhalers, elixirs
- Some over-the-counter medications – example: cough syrup and tinctures.
- It is recommended not to eat or drink any foods within 15 minutes of using the vehicle.

**Bottom Line: Check All Product Labels Before Using.**

## Ignition Interlock Violations

Regulations require probation/monitors to provide notification of the following events to the Court and District Attorney:

1. Where an operator has failed to have installed the ignition interlock device on his/her own vehicle(s) or vehicle(s) which he/she operates,
2. Where the operator has not complied with a service visit requirement,
3. Any report of alleged tampering with or circumventing an ignition interlock device or an attempt thereof,
4. Any report of a lock-out mode
5. Any report of a failed test or re-test where the BAC is .05 percent or higher.