

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What happens if I drive a vehicle without a BAIID?

Drivers enrolled in the IIDP must only drive vehicles that are equipped with a working BAIID. Failure to do so is a criminal offense that could result in criminal charges.

What if I own or drive multiple vehicles?

The law requires any vehicle you drive to be equipped with a BAIID.

What if the vehicle is not registered to me?

The vehicle equipped with the BAIID does not have to be registered in your name.

Another person sometimes drives my vehicle. Will they have to blow into the BAIID to do so?

Yes. However, you may potentially be held responsible for any violations recorded by the device if such drivers break the Program's rules.

Do I have to have a BAIID installed in my work vehicle?

Yes, unless the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles has granted you an employer exemption for the requirement. Contact SCDMV for more information.

How long am I required to be on the program?

1st offense DUI: minimum 6 months.

2nd offense DUI: minimum of 2 years.

3rd offense DUI: minimum of 3 years.

4th or subsequent DUI: lifetime requirement.

Felony DUI with Great Bodily Injury: minimum of 3 years.

Felony DUI Resulting in Death: minimum of 5 years.

Can mouthwash or food set off the device?

The device will detect alcohol on your breath, whatever the source. If you consume or use any product that contains alcohol, the device may detect it.

Where do I go to have the BAIID Installed?

There are four manufacturers in South Carolina with service centers located throughout the state. See their contact information on the back of this brochure to set up appointments.

Who pays for the BAIID?

The driver must pay for the installation and maintenance of the BAIID.

Is financial assistance available?

Yes. An application with instructions can be found on the Department's website, or call the IID Program office.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact the IID Program:

E-mail: ignition@ppp.sc.gov

Phone: (803) 734-0019

Visit the SCDPPPS website:

www.dppps.sc.gov/Ignition-Interlock

MANUFACTURER INFORMATION

A-1 Smart Start: 1-800-880-3394

Intoxalock: 1-833-234-6036

LifeSafer: 1-888-861-1172

Alcohol Detection Systems: 1-888-205-1832

TREATMENT SERVICES

For a list of certified treatment providers, visit the *South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services website:*

www.daodas.sc.gov

(803) 896-5555

DRIVER'S LICENSE INFORMATION

For information about your license contact the *South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles:*

(803) 896-5000



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IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE PROGRAM



UNDERSTANDING THE IID PROGRAM

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT
OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND
PARDON SERVICES

What Is A Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device?

- ◆ The Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device (BAIID) prevents a vehicle from starting if it detects a breath alcohol concentration (BrAC) over a preset limit.
- ◆ In South Carolina, if the driver's BrAC is at or above .020%, the vehicle will not start.
- ◆ The BAIID is wired into the vehicle's ignition system.
- ◆ The driver must blow a breath sample into the device before it will start.
- ◆ After startup, the driver must periodically blow into the device.
- ◆ If the BrAC is at or above .020% after the vehicle is started, a violation will be recorded.

Who is Required to Have A BAIID Installed?

As of May 19, 2024, all individuals convicted of Driving Under the Influence, are required to have a device installed if they want to drive. Drivers convicted of DUI 1st with a BAC of less than .15, with an offense date prior to May 19, 2024, participation is optional...

Drivers with an offense date between January 1, 2008 and September 30, 2014 who decide not to install a device will remain suspended for an additional three years. Drivers with an offense date on or after October 1, 2014 who decide not to install a device will remain suspended indefinitely.

Regardless of the offense date, in order to successfully complete the Program, drivers who participate will be required to complete the full term required of them.

How Do I Obtain A BAIID?

STEP 1: ELIGIBILITY

You will receive a letter from the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services notifying you that you are eligible to participate in the Ignition Interlock Device Program and may have the device installed. Prior to installing the BAIID, you must enroll in the Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program (ADSAP). You should only install the BAIID if you are seeking an Ignition Interlock Restricted License.

STEP 2: INSTALLING THE BAIID

You are encouraged to contact all four manufacturers listed in this brochure. When you have selected an approved BAIID manufacturer, have the device installed in your vehicle at a service center. You will be required to return to the service center at least once every 60 days to have the device inspected.



STEP 3: OBTAINING THE IGNITION INTERLOCK RESTRICTED LICENSE

Your participation in the program will only begin once you have obtained the Ignition Interlock (II) Restricted License. When the device is installed, you will be given an installation certificate. Then a licensed driver should drive you to your local SCDMV office. Present the installation certificate to SCDMV to obtain the II Restricted License. Thereafter you may only drive a vehicle that is equipped with a BAIID.

Violations of IID Program Rules

Points will be assessed against drivers for rule violations. Points are assessed for these violations:

Failure to have the BAIID inspected at least once every 60 days	1 point each occurrence
Failure to provide a breath sample for a running retest	1 point each occurrence
Running Retest Violation: BrAC of .02% but less than .04%	1/2 point each occurrence
Running Retest Violation: BrAC of .04% but less than .15%	1 point each occurrence
Running Retest Violation: BrAC of .15% or higher	2 points each occurrence
Tampering with the BAIID; Having another person provide a breath sample for the restricted driver	1.5 points each occurrence

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS:

Points are cumulative.

2 - 2.5 points: 2 month term extension

3 - 3.5 points: 4 month term extension; mandatory substance abuse assessment

4 points or more: 6 month driver's license suspension; mandatory substance abuse assessment

Appeals

You have the right to appeal all point assessments. When accumulated points are at or below 3.5 points, appeals may be submitted to SCDPPPS. At or above 4.0 points, drivers may request a contested case hearing at The Office of Motor Vehicle Hearings.