

The Swedish Alcohol Interlock Program for offenders

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Alcohol Interlock Program for DUI-offenders – a brief history

- 1999 – 2002 Pilot program (for cars)
- 2003 – 2011 Pilot extended (cars, busses and trucks)
- 2012 – Permanent program

Some basics

The program

- Only for offenders
- Duration 1 or 2 years depending on BAC-levels
- Requirements of alcohol interlocks are set by the STA
- Needs to be personalised, programmed and regularly serviced

Obligations

- Blows are required both to start the vehicle and during the ride
- A maximum of five "red blows"
- Should the obligations not be met, the Alcohol Interlock is removed and the Driving Licence is revoked instead

Experiences of the Swedish program

Early studies

- Successful for those who fulfils the program
- Less relapse to DUI
- Reduced number of traffic accidents
- Improved health
- Reduced alcohol consumption

Later studies

- 30 % of all convicted drink drivers applied & approved
- 83 % fulfilled the program
- *New legislation 2018* – no longer possible to join if ongoing abuse or addiction

Thank you for your time!

Questions?

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