

Why First Offenders Should Use Ignition Interlock Devices

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Why Focus on Impaired Driving?

- Over 40 percent reduction in DUI fatalities since 1980.
- In 2009, 10,839 people died in alcohol related crashes.
- This represents 32 percent of all traffic fatalities
- 1.5 million DUI arrests, 1 million convictions per year
- 1 in 3 people will be in a crash involving a drunk driver
- \$129 billion per year in costs to U.S.



Why an Interlock?

- Biggest Reason: They drive anyway
- 50-75% will continue to drive even on a suspended license
- A “first time” convicted drunk driver has driven drunk 87 times before arrest
- Offender pays for the device
- Acts as an electronic probation officer



Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving

- Support our Heroes who Keep Us Safe
- Blow Before You Go
- Turn Cars Into the Cure



Ignition Interlocks

Progress Since 2006



Status of State Ignition Interlock Laws 2006

Mandatory .08 Conviction	Mandatory with a BAC of at least .15.	Mandatory with Repeat Conviction	Mandatory .08 Upon Reinstatement	Discretionary	No Interlock Law at All
New Mexico (06/05)	Virginia (03/04)	Massachusetts	Oregon (3)	All other states (4)	Alabama
	Kansas	Texas	Washington		South Dakota
	New Hampshire				Vermont
					Maine
					Hawaii

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Alaska (1) (06/08)	Delaware (17) (7/09)	Massachusetts	Oregon (3)	All other states (4)	Alabama
Arizona (05/07)	Florida (2) (06/08)	Missouri (05/08)			
Arkansas (14) (04/09)	Kansas	Montana (5/09)			
California Pilot Program** (10/09)	New Hampshire	South Carolina (05/08)			
Colorado *(5) (04/08)	New Jersey (1/10)	Oklahoma (11) (5/09)			
Hawaii (16) (6/09)	North Carolina (12) (8/07)	Texas			
Illinois (6)* (08/07)	Virginia (7) (03/04)				
Louisiana (07/07)	Wisconsin (12/09)				
Nebraska (9) (04/08)	West Virginia (8) (04/08)				
New Mexico (06/05)	Wyoming (10) (03/09)				
New York (11/09)					
Utah (13) (03/09)					
Washington (15) (03/08)					



Increase in Interlock Use



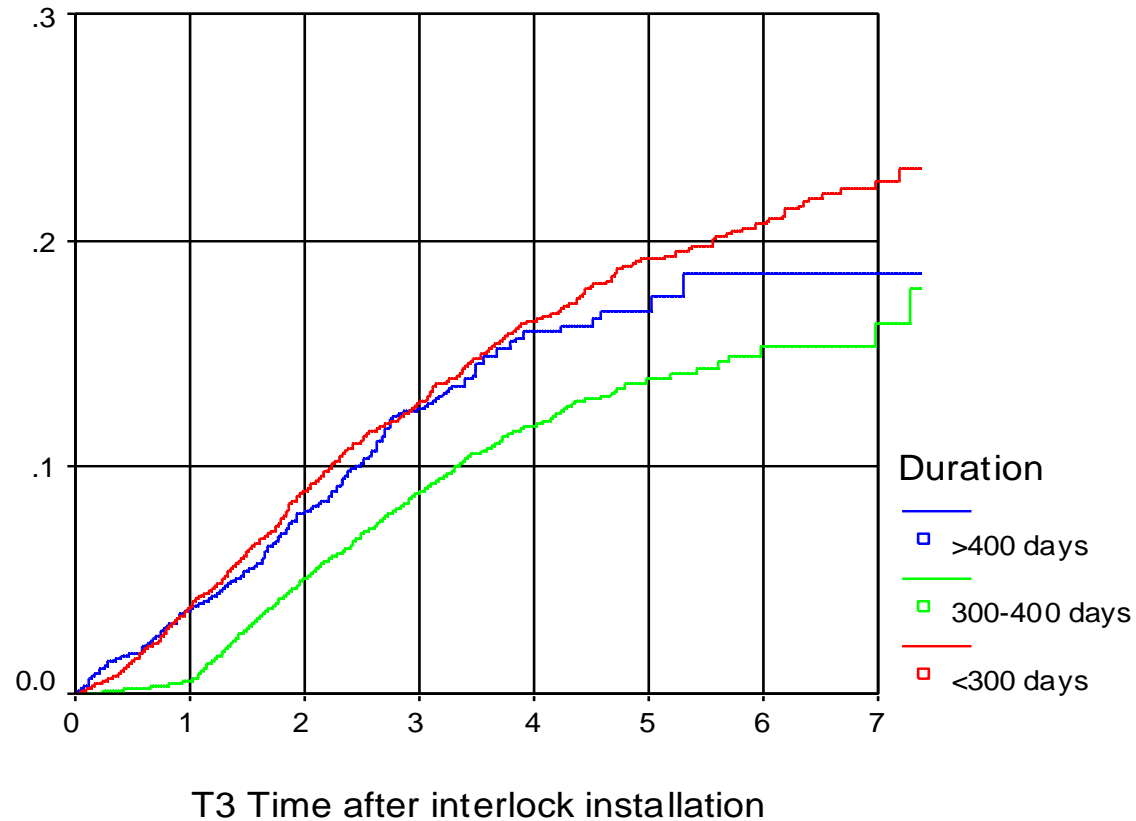
IID: Every State, Every Offender

- 32% reduction in fatalities in New Mexico
- 46% reduction in fatalities in Arizona.
- CDC now recommends interlocks for all convicted offenders
- 15 peer reviewed studies support interlocks.
- 67 percent reduction in recidivism.
- 88% of the public supports all offender interlocks



First Offender Recidivism

Recidivism of Interlocked First Offenders



Federal Interlock Assistance

- House T&I Committee: Senate EPW/Commerce Committee
- Last Congress, then Chairman Oberstar and Ranking Member Mica both worked to include a federal highway fund sanction for states that do not require interlocks for at least 6 months.
- This could look differently this Congress
- Senator Lautenberg has reintroduced DDROP (Drunk Driver Repeat Offender Prevention Act) which would sanction states which don't require all offender interlocks.



NHTSA's Efforts

- NHTSA Administrator David Strickland serves as Honorary Chairman of the CEDD
- NHTSA supports interlocks for first time offenders.
- Through the FY12 410 recommendations, the administration recommends that “States that adopt a mandatory ignition interlock law for all offenders are eligible for additional incentive funds.”
- November 2011- Ignition Interlock Conference Washington, DC
- NHTSA/MADD/TIRF Ignition Interlock Institutes



Why Do We Need Federal Support?

- Science proves it works; New Mexico and Arizona prove it works; Common sense tells us it works
- Maryland-Del. Joe Vallario and Speaker Mike Bush are both DUI defense attorneys
- Virginia- Passed the House of Delegates 4 years in a row only to die in a committee loaded with DUI defense attorneys



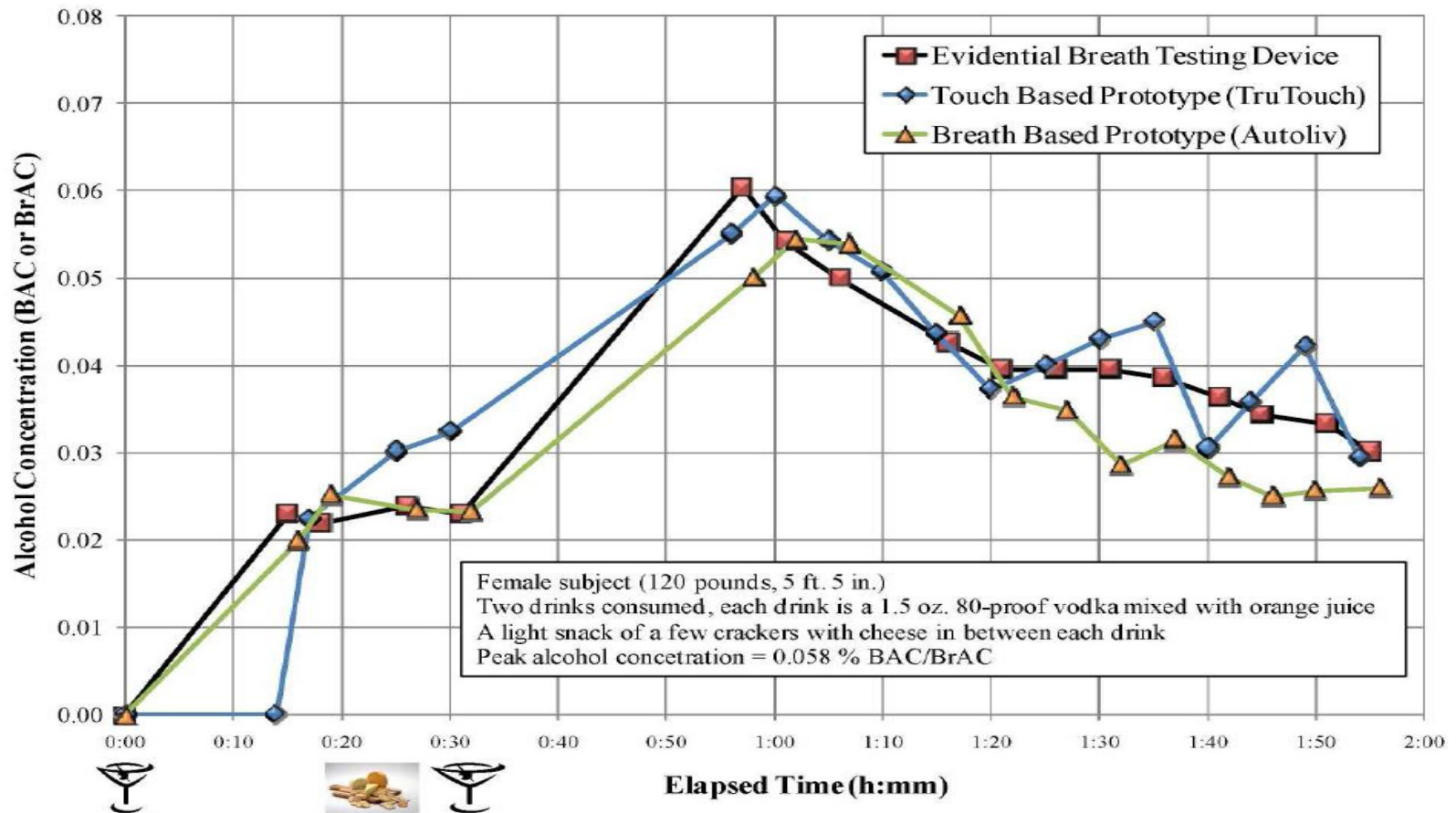
Reasons for Federal Help

- Restaurant industry (American Beverage Institute), DUI Defense Bar, Segments of the Alcohol Industry opposes
- MADD relies on grassroots support to pass better laws, but these groups have deep pockets
- DUI Defense Attorney's are well positioned in state legislatures
- They try to water down IID laws to .15 when these have not shown to bring down DUI fatality rates



The 120 lbs Woman

DADSS Human Subject Test
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Advanced Technology

- Idea that one day cars can detect if a driver is at or above .08
- Technology would be passive, not hassle the sober driver, and relatively inexpensive
- Held together by a 5 year, \$10 million cooperative research agreement
- Cars can park themselves these days!!
- Mercedes has lane departure and sleep/fatigue warnings



Three Technologies Under Review

- Advancement in Sensor Technology has made this possible.
- AutoLiv- Swiss Company uses a laser to shine into the breath of the driver
- Alcohol Countermeasure Systems (ACS) uses a sniffer to capture breath and then test it
- TruTouch- New Mexico based company that uses a sensor that is touched

ROADS SAFE ACT

- To further advanced technology, Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM) and Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN) have introduced the ROADS SAFE Act.
- In the House, Rep. Vern Ehlers (R-MI) and Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD) have introduced the bill.
- Provides \$12 million per year for 5 years.
- Will jump-start the process



Conclusion

- ROADS SAFE, according to IIHS, could save 9,000 lives per year
- Current Ignition Interlocks could save 4,000 lives per year
- ROADS SAFE + Ignition Interlocks = elimination of drunk driving.

Questions?

Thank you

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