

Information & Facts

The ACT was introduced the Alcohol Interlock Program in June 2014. This commenced with Mandatory licencing requirements for high risk offenders, as well as allowing other offenders to enter the program Voluntarily in order to shorten their suspension period.

The Interlock Program requires that an alcohol interlock is fitted for 6 months minimum. The interlock will prevent the vehicle from being started if the driver cannot pass the breath test.

The Alcohol Interlock Program allows drivers to regain their un-restricted license after successful completion of the interlock period. Participants will need to show that they can complete 3 months with no violations in order to remove the interlock condition from their licence.

The Alcohol Interlock Program allows drivers to regain their license after a shorter suspension. It can also be used as a learning curve and teach drivers habits of separating drinking from driving.

About Guardian

Guardian Interlock Systems has been a provider of Interlock program management devices and services since 2001 and is a trusted, Australian, family owned business.

An alcohol interlock program protects drink driving offenders and other road users from dangers associated with drink driving.

Guardian also offers private and commercial products for people looking at taking precautionary measures for drinking and driving, OH&S and workplace safety. For further details visit our website:

www.guardianinterlock.com.au

About Our Service Centres

Auto-electrical businesses have been sub-contracted to provide all aspects of inspection, installation, training, monitoring and removal, using their established technical skills.

The normal practice is for Installers to conduct a free inspection of the nominated vehicle to ensure that it will be able to support the interlock. The vehicle is then wired and the interlock installed, while the participant is trained on the program and how to use the interlock.

Service may be completed Australia-wide and will be provided at the same cost, however there may be variation in the delivery of service depending on location. Our Service Centre network extends throughout Australia, so you'll never be far away from service if required.

Locations

Contact Guardian for Installation information

Tauntons Auto Electrical
(Remote S. Centre)
46 Yass Rd
Queanbeyan, NSW 2620
Ph: (02) 6297 2180

For further information on centres due to open, please contact Guardian on: 1300 881 005

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TEN MOST ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ALCOHOL INTERLOCK PROGRAM (FAQ)

1. What is an Interlock System?

The Interlock System is a device that stops the driver from starting their vehicle when they have a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) at or higher than 0.02%.

Essentially the purpose of the interlock is to prevent a person from driving after consumption of alcohol.

2. How does the Interlock work?

When the Interlock device is fitted to a vehicle, the driver must blow and hum into the Interlock handset before being able to start the vehicle. After the Interlock has received a breath sample, it will be analysed and the message "Start Vehicle" will appear on the screen if the result was under 0.02%BAC. The driver can simply start the vehicle and drive away.

After a random period of time, the interlock will indicate to the driver that they need to pull over and retest. There is no need to turn the vehicle off. The driver must give another breath sample and if passed, the driver may then continue on their way.

3. What happens after the interlock is installed?

Approximately thirty days after installation the vehicle will have to be returned and the interlock monitored and reset for the next month. This involves making an appointment to have your interlock serviced at an authorised Guardian service centre.

You will receive a report (at no cost) showing how your program is running and any events that have been recorded.



4. How long does the Interlock take to have installed?

The Interlock will take around 2 hrs to install into a standard vehicle. Followed by a further hour of training and consultation, covering the use of the interlock. Where additional time is required for installation or training, extra fees may apply.

5. When can I have the Interlock fitted to a vehicle?

After you have completed the suspension period, the RTA will contact you about when you are eligible to have an interlock fitted. Usually the interlock can be fitted within 3-5 days of request. Contact a Guardian service centre to make a booking.

The Guardian Interlock System costs about \$5.00 per day - about the price of a drink!

6. What will I need to bring with me on the day?

You will need your authorisation (original copy), driver's license, concession card (if applicable - conditions apply for concession availability) and motor vehicle.

7. Can anyone drive the vehicle after an Interlock device has been fitted?

Yes, anyone can drive the vehicle. Just be aware that you will still be responsible for what is on your log.

Other drivers with an interlock condition will need to nominate the vehicle before they are legally okay to drive.

8. What type of vehicles can I have the Interlock System fitted to?

You can have the Guardian Interlock fitted to any registered vehicle, including cars, trucks, and motorbikes.

While you have an 'I' condition license, any vehicle you drive is required to be nominated to RTA & have an approved interlock fitted.

9. What does it cost to have the Interlock System installed and monitored ?

The first appointment for installation into a standard vehicle will cost approximately \$315 which includes installation and the first 30 days of lease fees. Keep in mind that some vehicles will incur additional labor & costs for installation.

The ongoing lease charges will be approx \$150 per month. A Loss Protection option to limit liability is also available at a small additional cost per month.

There may be a concession discount available for the Program; contact Guardian for eligibility information.

Some additional fees may apply for early servicing and missed appointments.

10. Why should you choose Guardian for your Interlock Program?

We work hard to provide a personalised service designed to make your period on the interlock as easy as possible, consistent with the interlock program rules.

We supply a free progress report at monitoring

Clients can have their interlock monitored at any of our service centres. We have service centres & agents set up all around Australia!

We provide a 24 hr emergency service help line, so if you are having difficulties, you will be able to talk to a person to receive help and advice.

Our friendly staff are just a phone call away, should clients have any follow up enquiries!

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Although we have a no credit policy, Guardian can make payment arrangements where clients are experiencing genuine hardship.

Guardian is proud to be an active member in the community, supporting many charities each year and providing information on pro-active measures to implement work safety and avoid drink driving.



**PLEASE REMEMBER,
IF UNSURE DON'T
RISK IT - DO NOT
DRINK AND DRIVE**