



Separating Drinking & Driving

## Information & Facts

NSW introduced the Alcohol Interlock Program in September 2003. This commenced as a voluntary program, whereby drink drive offenders had to request the magistrate for an alcohol interlock order.

From 1 Feb 2015, the Mandatory Alcohol Interlock Program was put in place, which means that serious and repeat drink drive offenders will automatically receive an interlock order after the minimum disqualification period. An alcohol interlock will prevent the vehicle from being started if the driver has traces of alcohol or has been drinking.

The interlock program will require participants to have a camera interlock fitted. The camera is designed to capture images of the driver whilst using the interlock device, this will be used to confirm the eligibility to exit the alcohol interlock program at the end of the Participants required participation period.

Interlock Participants will need to demonstrate that they can separate drinking and driving over a 6 month period before they will be eligible to hold a licence without an interlock condition.

For further information visit the following website:

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/offences-penalties/drug-alcohol/interlock-program.html>

*The Mandatory Alcohol Interlock Program allows drivers to regain their license and can be used as a learning curve to teach drivers habits to separate drinking from driving.*



## About Our Service Centres

Auto-electrical Service Centres have been sub-contracted to provide all aspects of inspection, installation, training, down-loading, calibration and removal, using their established technical skills. They provide services at city and country sites in New South Wales. Service Centres are being established throughout NSW.

Our dealer network extends throughout Australia, so you'll never be far from service centre assistance if required.

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**GUARDIAN INTERLOCK**

## Information Guide NSW Interlock Program



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## TEN MOST ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ALCOHOL INTERLOCK PROGRAM

### 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%.

NSW have introduced requirement for the addition of a camera which will capture an image of the driver, e.g. initial tests, any BAC fail reading, retest refusal, etc.

### 2. How does the Interlock work?

When the Guardian Interlock device is fitted to a vehicle, the driver must blow and hum into the Interlock handset for 5 seconds before being able to start the vehicle. After the Interlock has received a good 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 device will sound short beeps, indicating to the driver that they need to pull over and retest. To retest, there is no need to turn the vehicle off. The Interlock handset must simply receive another blow/hum sample from the driver. After a pass BAC test the driver may then continue on their way.

### 3. What happens after the interlock is installed?

Approximately thirty days after the Interlock installation by your Guardian installer, the vehicle will have to be returned and the Interlock downloaded and reset for the next service appointment. This involves payment of the next month or 2 months interlock fees, and making an appointment for your next interlock service at an authorised Guardian service centre.

You will receive a report (at no cost) showing how your program is running and 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 training covering the use of the interlock. Where additional time is required for installation or training, extra fees may apply.

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

You will need your RMS Reminder letter, photo ID, concession card (conditions apply for concession availability) and motor vehicle.

### 6. Is the Interlock System expensive?

The Interlock System is leased on a monthly basis. The overall cost will be determined by the servicing intervals, vehicle type (standard or non-standard installation), and length of program.

Initially you will need to pay the installation cost, and the first months interlock lease fee. For ongoing interlock servicing you pay a Download Fee along with the Lease Fees. You can choose to pay for monthly, or bi-monthly (60 day) servicing. Extreme remote participants, or those who demonstrate 3 months with no alcohol readings can arrange Quarterly (90 day) servicing .

You also have a Loss Protection Plan option, which reduces your liability if the equipment is stolen. Talk to Guardian about the Terms and Conditions for this Plan.

### 7. 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 have an approved interlock fitted.

### 9. What does it cost to have the Interlock System installed and monitored every 30 days?

Your first appointment for the Interlock installation into a standard vehicle has a basic charge of \$320 inc GST (install fee \$180.00 & 30 day monitor fee \$140).

You also have a Loss Protection option at approx \$7.50 per 30 day month, which reduces liability if the equipment is stolen (provided Terms and Conditions are met).

While you have an eligible concession card, there is a reduction of 35% on the standard install fee, monthly charges and the removal fee.

The ongoing charge for bi-monthly servicing is approximately \$330 (inc GST). Some additional fees may apply for early servicing and missed appointments.

### 10. 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. Interlocks with a camera will also capture images of any driver who uses the vehicle.

### 11. Why should you choose Guardian ?

We are an Australian, family owned business.

Guardian customers can have their Interlock monitored anywhere in Australia at the same cost. They do not need to return to the original installer.

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



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RISK IT - DO NOT  
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