

The Swedish Alcohol Interlock Program for offenders

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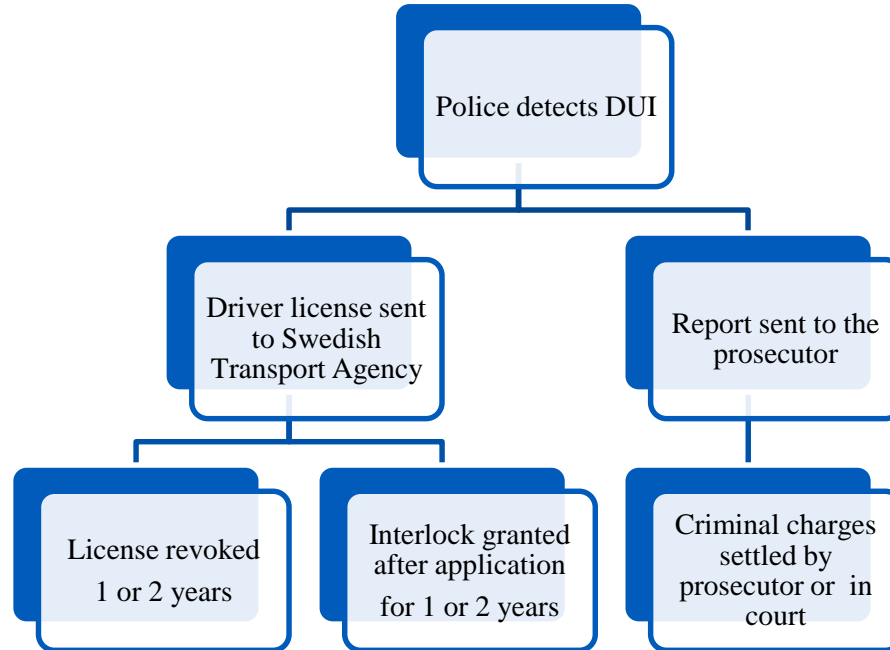
Alcohol Interlock Program for DUI-offenders – a brief history

- Trial-program (for cars) 1999
- Extension of the trial-program (now includes cars, busses and trucks) 2003
- Law regarding a permanent program for DUI-offenders since the 1st of January 2012 (implemented on the 1st of January 2012)

Good experiences of the pilot program

- Successful for those who fulfilled the program
- Lasting changes in alcohol and driving habits
- Less relapse to DUI
- Reduced number of traffic accidents
- Reduced alcohol consumption
- Reduced need for hospital treatment
- Reduced sick-leave
- Saved jobs
- Saved marriages

The parallel process after a DUI



Who can apply?

- It's a possibility for those who have been caught drinking and driving
- It's not possible if you have been caught driving under the influence of narcotics or if you take drugs*

How long does the program run?

- The duration is one or two years*
- Two years in the following situations:
 - If the DUI offence is gross ($\geq 1,0$ per mille)
 - Repeated DUI offences the last five years
- Otherwise one year ($> 0,2-0,9$ per mille)

How much does it cost?

- 2000 € -2700 € for one-year Program
- 2800 € -4000 € for two-year Program
- The costs refer to rental/purchase and service of the Alcohol Interlock and medical checks/certificates
- The Swedish Transport Agency charges no application fee

What requirements are made?

- Four different suppliers of Alcohol Interlocks are approved by the STA (Dräger, Malux, ACS, Dignita)
- It's not enough to have an Interlock of the right make, it also needs to be personalised and programmed accordingly to the requirements set out by the STA
- EN 50436-1

Must fulfil the obligations

- Blows are required both to start the vehicle but also during the ride at random intervals
- A maximum of five "red blows" and a minimum number of service intervals
- Should the obligations not be met, the Alcohol Interlock is removed and the Driving Licence is revoked instead

The follow-up

- Data is downloaded and transmitted from the Alcohol Interlock device when it is serviced at a service garage
- In the log all blows are registered and sent to the Swedish Transport Agency
- The medical requirements are checked via blood samples and medical certificates at given times

The Swedish system in numbers 2015-2017

	2015	2016	2017
Revoked licenses because of DUI (incl. drug use)	6609	5389	5694
Applications	2151	1909	1983
Denied	340	308	271
Conditional licenses granted	1811	1601	1712
Valid conditional driving licenses	3092	2825	2929

Evaluation of the permanent system

- An evaluation has just been published, hard copies at Safe & Sober Hague

Questions?

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