

# The Swedish Alcohol Interlock Program for offenders

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# Four modes of transport – one agency

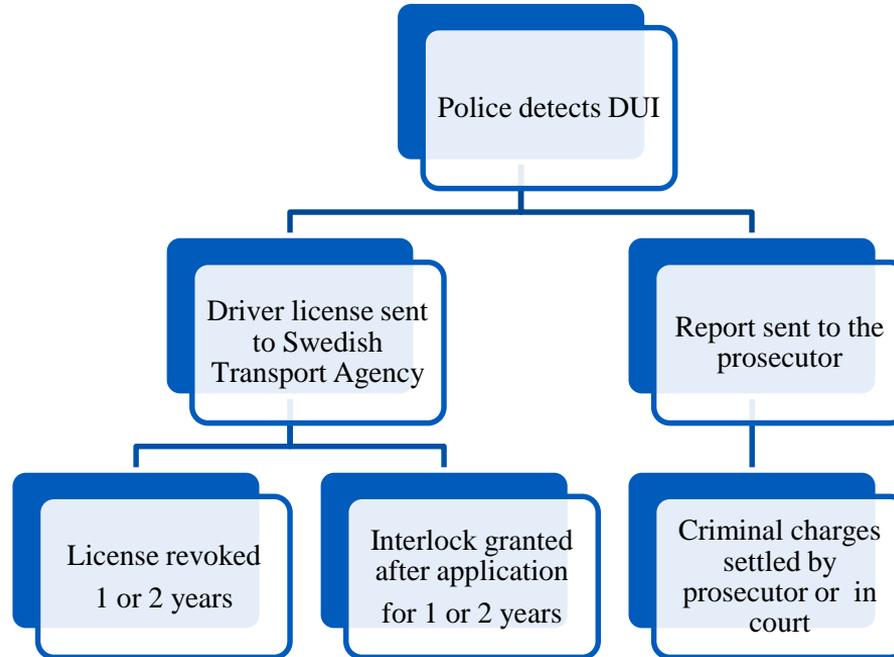
- Rules
- Permits
- Supervision
- Statistics on accidents
- Registry



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2012 (implemented on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2012)

# The parallel process after a DUI



# Application procedure

- The program is open for all DUI (of alcohol) -offenders
- Differentiated conditional time
  - Two years
    - BAC  $\geq 0,1\%$
    - Repeated DUI during a five year period
    - DUI in combination with a diagnosed addiction or abuse of alcohol
  - Otherwise one year (BAC 0,02-0,09%) - prolonged to two years in case of diagnosis
- Cost: 1-year: 2 150-2 700 EUR, 2-years: 2 850 - 4 150 EUR

# Obligations during and after the program

- **During the program**
  - Data transmission
  - Breath test at start and during driving
  - Doctors certificate of drug and alcohol use
  - Conditional license is invalid after the determined conditional time
- **Regular license after conditional time**
  - Application procedure
  - Two year participants needs to verify sobriety

# Obligations, continued

- **Follow up**
  - Two year participants are followed after a regular licence is granted
  - Medical certificate of drug and alcohol use after 6 months and after an additional 12 months (18 in total)



Banperiod at least  
1 or 2 years

Medical check

Application



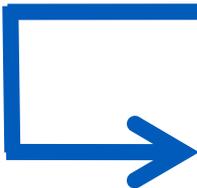
Conditional  
driver's licence



Conditional period 1 or 2 years



Application for a license without  
condition at the end of the period



# 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

# 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

# Evaluation of the permanent system

- An evaluation has just been published
- The purpose is to find out whether the goal to attract more participants compared to the pilot program has been fulfilled or not
- Three parts; a survey, interviews and a register study

# Results from the evaluation

- ~ 30 % of the drivers convicted for DUI applied and were approved to enter the Alcohol Interlock Program
- That is to compare with 11 % in the Pilot Program
- The goal to increase the participation rate has been fulfilled

# Evaluation, continued

- The main reason for not applying to the Program is the cost
- Other reasons put forward are that you don't want to be regarded as an alcoholic in the eyes of your family, neighbours or colleagues
- Some fear that the psychological strains will be too much to handle with the obligations you must fulfil to take part

# Evaluation, continued

- 83 % of the participants fulfilled the program (59 % in the Pilot Program)
- 31 % of the participants had an alcohol related diagnosis (addiction/dependency in accordance with DSM IV and ICD 10)

# New national legislation

- Due to criticism from the EU, Sweden had to change its national legislation on interlocks
- As of March 1st 2018, persons with a dependency or an addiction will no longer be able to enter the alcohol interlock program, unless...
- ...they can prove that they fulfil all the medical demands beforehand, e.g. prove sobriety during six months

# www.transportstyrelsen.se

- Application forms
- Information brochures
- FAQ about the alcohol interlock program
- [www.transportstyrelsen.se](http://www.transportstyrelsen.se)

# Questions?

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