

The Swedish Alcohol Interlock Program for offenders

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Four modes of transport – one agency

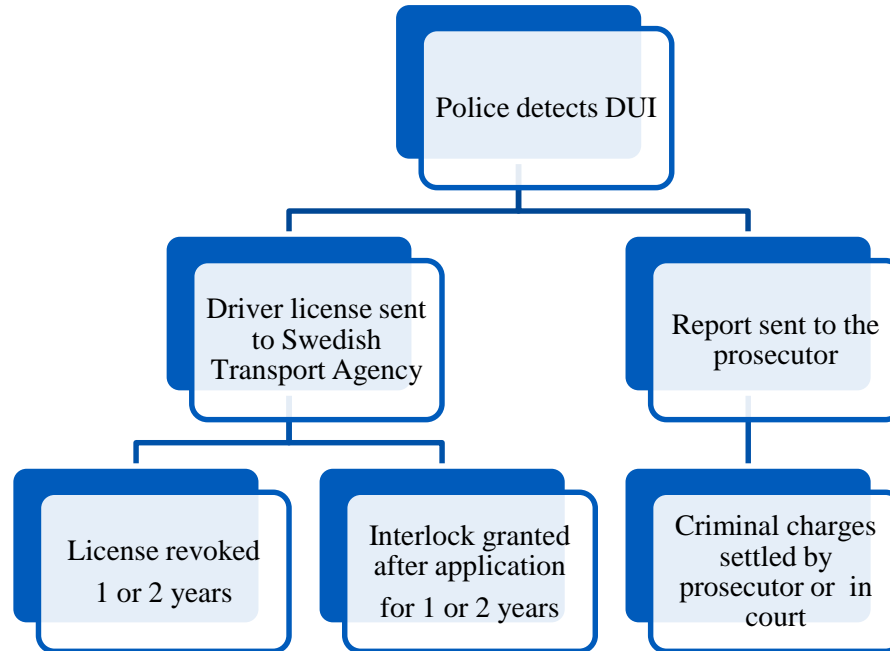
- Rules
- Permits
- Supervision
- Statistics on accidents
- Registry



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 1st of January 2012 (implemented on the 1st 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



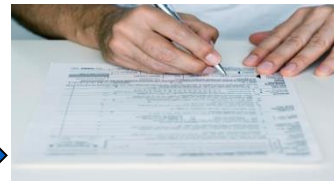
Application



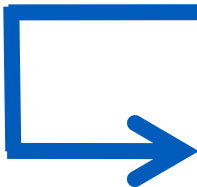
Conditional
driver's licence



Conditional period 1 or 2 years



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



The Swedish system in numbers 2014-2016

	2014	2015	2016
Revoked licenses because of DUI (incl. drug use)	6438	6609	5389
Applications	2196	2151	1909
Denied	288	340	308
Conditional licenses granted	1908	1811	1601
Valid conditional driving licenses	3256	3092	2825

Evaluation is underway

- Evaluation of the (new) alcohol interlock program
 - The program as a whole – good/changes?
 - The alcohol interlock itself – technical difficulties?
 - Participation in the program vs. not participating – consequences for a persons health, work, family, social life etc.?
 - Integrity issues

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

EU infringement procedure

- EU Pilot in 2014 on the implementation of the Third Driving Licence Directive (2006/126 EC)
- The Commission's opinion is that interlocks cannot be seen as a way to allow driving licences to be issued to or renewed for persons who from a medical point of view are considered unfit to drive due to their alcohol consumption
- E.g. persons who are dependent or addicted to alcohol

EU infringement procedure, continued

- Sweden did not consider our law to be in violation of the Directive
- When you get the condition to install an alcohol interlock it should be regarded as a limitation of an existing driving licence and not as an issue of a new driving licence
- Persons with a dependency/addiction to alcohol are therefore allowed to enter the program for offenders (apprx. 10 % of the participants)

EU infringement procedure, continued

- In order to avoid resolving the issue in the EU court, Sweden will 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
- Need to prove that they fulfil all the medical demands beforehand, e.g. prove sobriety

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- Application forms
- Information brochures
- FAQ about the alcohol interlock program
- www.transportstyrelsen.se

Questions?

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