

# APPELMAN LAW FIRM, LLC

## CRIMINAL DEFENSE

### Driver's License Reinstatement Requirements

According to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS), failure of the breath test or refusal to submit to testing, results in the revocation of your driving privileges.

Data privacy law prohibits us from contacting DPS on your behalf; therefore you must call DPS directly at 651-296-2025. It is important to gather information as soon as possible. Due to the large number of calls they receive, the best time to reach DPS is in the morning. You will be asked to identify yourself and provide your driver's license number. Be sure to take notes during the conversation and ask the following questions:

1. How long is my revocation period?
2. What date am I eligible for a limited driver's license?
3. What date am I eligible for full reinstatement?
4. What are the exact conditions I must satisfy to obtain my reinstatement?

Prior to the DPS issuing you a work permit or driver's license, you must take the DWI written exam, pay the reinstatement fees, and apply for a new Minnesota driver's license. This can be completed at any of the driver exam stations; the location nearest you can be found online at <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/locations> or by calling 651-297-3298.

Remember do NOT drive to the exam station if you are currently revoked. It is likely you will be charged with another offense if you are caught.

Enclosed for your review is a copy of chapters 7 and 8 of the *Minnesota Driver's Manual* from the Department of Public Safety. These chapters deal specifically with the exam material and we recommend you study this information prior to taking the DWI written test.

## Ignition Interlock Program

The Ignition Interlock System is a program that allows persons convicted of DWI to have their driving privileges reinstated at an earlier date than would otherwise be allowed. Participation for first time offenders with a BAC of 0.16 or higher and all second time offenders is voluntary; however, drivers who have been canceled and denied as inimical to public safety are required to enroll.

The length of time a participant must take part in the program depends on the number of prior offenses on their driving record. (Time may be extended for violations).

Restricted License with Ignition Interlock		
	First Offense	Second Offense in 10 years; or Third Offense on Record
Under 0.16	90 days (180 days if under age 21)	1 year
0.16 or Over	1 year	2 years
Test Refusal	1 year	2 years

Canceled and Denied as Inimical to Public Safety	
Third Offense in 10 Years; or Fourth on Record	3 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 year with a limited license; and</li> <li>• 2 years with a restricted license</li> </ul>
Fourth Offense in 10 Years	4 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 year with a limited license; and</li> <li>• 3 years with a restricted license</li> </ul>
Fifth or Subsequent Offense	6 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 year with a limited license; and</li> <li>• 5 years with a restricted license</li> </ul>

To enroll in the program you must:

- Be at least 18 years old and in possession of a driver's license;
- Sign and date the Ignition Interlock Participation Agreement;
- Submit a Certificate of Insurance for the vehicle(s) to be equipped with the ignition interlock device;
- Pay the \$680 reinstatement fee and submit a copy of the receipt;
- Apply for a new driver's license and submit a copy of the application fee receipt;
- Pass the DWI knowledge test; and
- If required, submit a Special Review Awareness form.

Also enclosed with this letter, please find the Ignition Interlock Program Guidelines, the applications for the Ignition Interlock program and the Certificate of Insurance. Additional forms and information can be found on the DPS website at <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/programs/mn-ignition-interlock>

Materials may be mailed, emailed, faxed or dropped off in person.

Mail: Minnesota Department of Public Safety  
Driver and Vehicle Services Division  
Ignition Interlock Unit  
445 Minnesota Street  
Suite 177  
Saint Paul, MN 55101

Fax: (F) 651-797-1299

Email: [dvs.ii@state.mn.us](mailto:dvs.ii@state.mn.us)

Driver and Vehicle Services will mail you an enrollment package that contains an approval letter, information about restricted licenses, and a list of Ignition Interlock vendors who can install the device in your vehicle and train you how to use it. These vendors charge both an installation fee and monthly maintenance fees which vary by vendor. You can find a complete list of vendors on the Ignition Interlock Program website at <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/programs/mn-ignition-interlock/Pages/certified-vendors.aspx>

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 952-224-2277.