

# BLOW TOGO



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- The purpose of an ignition interlock device is to separate drinking from driving.
- An ignition interlock device prevents someone who is under the influence of alcohol from starting their vehicle.
- To use the device:
  - o Turn the key to the “on” position or power up the vehicle if keyless
  - o To perform an initial test, listen for the beeping of the device. The device will prompt you when it’s ready.
  - o You’ll have 3 minutes to complete the test.
  - o The sample you provide will be analyzed quickly. If you “pass,” you can start the vehicle and be on your way. If you don’t pass the initial test, you will need to try again.
- During your driving trip, the interlock will periodically check to make sure you are not drinking and driving. A series of beeps will alert you to do a “random retest.”
  - o To complete the random retest, safely pull over and blow into the device again within 6 minutes of the alert.
  - o Once you have passed the test, you may continue your trip.
- Any violations, attempts to start the vehicle after drinking, or missed tests will be recorded by the device and reported to the monitoring authority.

