

# The Swedish Alcohol Interlock Program for offenders

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# Four modes of transport – one agency

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



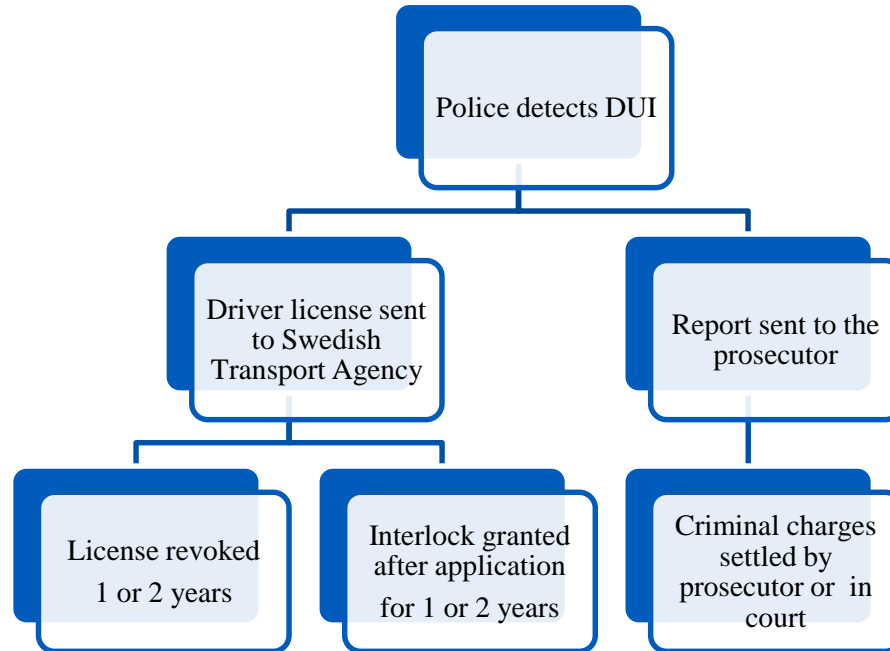
# Alcohol Interlock Program for DUI-offenders – a brief history

- 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)

# 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



Banperiod at least  
1 or 2 years



Medical check



Application



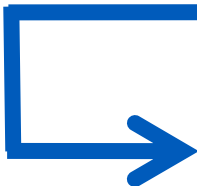
Conditional  
driver's licence



Conditional period 1 or 2 years



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



# The Swedish system in numbers 2017-2019

	2017	2018	2019
Revoked licenses because of DUI (incl. drug use)	5694	5746	6477
Applications	1983	1994	2307
Denied	271	401	605
Conditional licenses granted	1712	1593	1702
Valid conditional driving licenses	2929	2864	2808

# Evaluation of the permanent system

- An evaluation has been completed
- The purpose was 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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