

ALCOHOL INTERLOCKS MYTHS & FACTS



MYTH

Eating **certain foods** may result in a **failed ignition interlock test**.



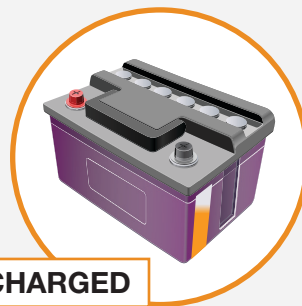
Will I fail the breath test?

FACT

Most foods **don't contain sufficient alcohol** to fail a test. Users should always rinse their mouth and avoid eating five minutes before taking a test as instructed.

MYTH

An alcohol interlock device **drains the car battery**.



FACT

Alcohol interlocks use **minimal battery power** and will not drain a maintained vehicle that is driven regularly.



Currently, 35 states and Washington D.C. require interlocks for all offenders.

MYTH

Blowing into the **interlock while driving** can lead to a **crash**.

FACT

The interlock **allows time for you to pull safely to the side of the road** to provide a test.

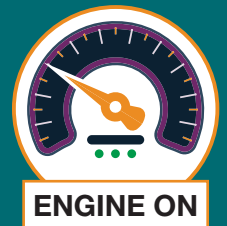


MYTH

If a driver **fails a retest**, the car will **automatically stop**.

FACT

The interlock will **not shut down the engine** of a moving vehicle.

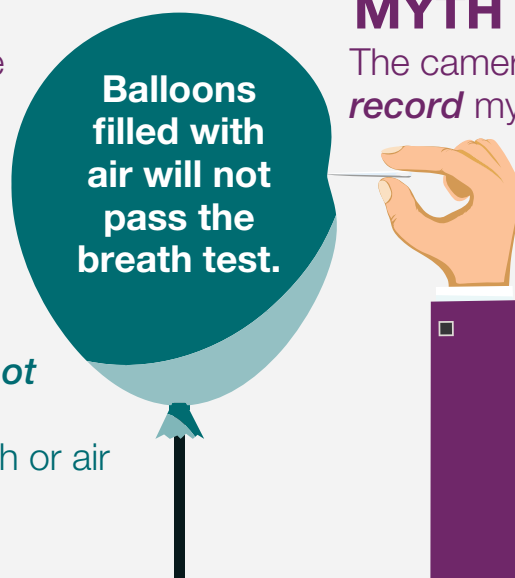


MYTH

Alcohol interlocks are **easy to bypass**.

FACT

Alcohol interlocks have many **anti-circumvention features**. They **cannot be bypassed** using a balloon, filtered breath or air compressor.



MYTH

The camera and GPS **record my everyday driving**.

FACT

Some interlocks are programmed to **take a picture** and capture GPS data at vehicle **start-up** and during **certain points during the test sequence**. They do not record all driving activity.

CAMERA NOT RECORDING



To learn more about interlocks, go to aiipaonline.org & aic.tirf.ca