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Requiring treatment for interlock violators reduces re-arrest rates

Alcohol-impaired driving offenders in interlock programs are less likely to reoffend after their interlocks are removed if they have been referred for treatment, a study funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention concludes.

Interlocks are breath-testing units attached to a vehicle's ignition. They prevent a vehicle from starting until a driver blows into the unit and gets a negative reading for alcohol. Requiring offenders to install interlocks before they regain full driving privileges has been shown to reduce recidivism (see "Alcohol ignition interlocks: Study shows devices reduce DUI recidivism," March 6, 2012). State laws that mandate interlocks for everyone convicted of drinking and driving have been estimated to reduce alcohol-involved crash

deaths by 15 percent (see "Interlocks cut alcohol-related crash deaths," May 24, 2016).

Currently, 28 states, the District of Columbia and four California counties require interlocks for all offenders.

The authors of the latest study wanted to see if enrolling people in treatment programs could extend the benefit beyond the interlock period.

The study compared 640 drivers

with multiple DUI offenses who were referred to treatment with 806 similar drivers with multiple offenses who experienced one or two interlock violations. The authors looked at the likelihood that the drivers were again arrested for alcohol-impaired driving within one to four years after interlock removal.

The re-arrest rate among the treatment group was 32 percent lower than among the comparison group.

Drivers who drift from lane and crash often dozing or ill

Drivers who crash as a result of drifting out of their lanes often are asleep, suffering a medical emergency, or blacked out due to drug or alcohol use, IIHS researchers have found. Among the lane-drift crashes studied, incapacitation reportedly played a role in 34 percent of collisions and 42 percent of crashes resulting in fatal or serious injuries.

If lane-drift crashes are a result of incapacitation, lane-keeping assist systems will need to do more to prevent crashes than simply nudge vehicles back into their lane.

Single-vehicle crashes in which vehicles left the roadway accounted

for 40 percent of fatal crashes and 21 percent of nonfatal injury crashes in 2014. Head-on collisions and sideswipes, which also can be caused by lane departures, accounted for another 12 percent of fatal crashes and 10 percent of injury crashes.

RETRAIN

Check your expiration date! All Driving Safety Instructors must possess a current drivers license and attend a recertification class every 2 years.

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May 21, 2017

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Ignition interlock laws work

Introduction: Alcohol-involved motor vehicle crashes are a major cause of preventable mortality in the U.S., leading to more than 10,000 fatalities per year. Ignition interlocks, or alcohol-sensing devices connected to a vehicle's ignition to prevent it from starting if a driver has a pre-determined blood alcohol content (BAC) level, are a promising avenue for preventing alcohol-involved driving. This study sought to assess the effects of laws requiring ignition interlocks for some or all drunk driving offenders on alcohol-involved fatal crashes.

Methods: A multilevel modeling approach assessed the effects of state interlock laws on alcohol-involved fatal crashes in the U.S. Monthly data on alcohol-involved crashes in each of the 50 states was collected in 2014 from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Fatality Analysis Reporting System. Random-intercept models accounted for between-state variation in alcohol-involved fatal crash rates and autocorrelation of within-state crash rates over time.

Results: State laws requiring interlocks for all drunk driving offenders were associated with a 7% decrease in the rate of BAC >0.08 fatal crashes and an 8% decrease in the rate of BAC =0.15 fatal crashes, translating into an estimated 1,250 prevented BAC >0.08 fatal crashes. Laws requiring interlocks for segments of high-risk drunk driving offenders, such as repeat offenders, may reduce



REMINDERS

SEND in your completion rosters **PROMPTLY** (at least weekly). The sooner USA receives them, the quicker your students receive their certificates and the information is reported to the NY DMV.

DOUBLE CHECK drivers license numbers to make sure they are **CORRECT** and **LEGIBLE** before mailing completion reports, (*original*) student information sheets and fee to USA for processing.

BIG THANKS to the agencies that send in completion reports in 6x9 or larger envelopes (without folding the student information forms). It helps expedite processing reports and data entry. USA appreciates it!

Takata Airbag Recall - *Everything You Need to Know*

What does this recall mean to you and what actions you should take? Vehicles made by 19 different automakers have been recalled to replace frontal airbags on the driver's side or passenger's side, or both in what NHTSA has called "the largest and most complex safety recall in U.S. history." The airbags, made by major parts supplier Takata, were mostly installed in cars from model year 2002 through 2015. Some of those airbags could deploy explosively, injuring or even killing car occupants.

2017 Updates:

January 12, 2017: Reports of an expected \$1 billion penalty against Takata are published, with the expectation that \$25 million will be a criminal penalty and \$850 million would be paid as restitution to automakers impacted by the recall.

February 28, 2017: Takata has finally pleaded guilty to deceiving automakers about the safety of its airbags. Now automakers are disputing charges that they knowingly installed the defective airbags in their cars.

March 2, 2017: Ford recalls 32,000 2016-17 Ford Edge, 2016-17 Lincoln MKX and 2017 Lincoln Continental vehicles to replace the driver frontal airbag module.

Ford expands its recall to 816,000 Ford, Lincoln, and Mercury vehicle made in North America, including 654,695 sold in the U.S. Most vehicles were included in prior recall actions, but this move adds the passenger-side airbag inflators.

Toyota also expands its recalls to 543,000 additional vehicles in the U.S., including both Toyota and Lexus brand models, to address front passenger airbags. Notably, this adds the 2012 model year to the recall list for many vehicles.

alcohol-involved fatal crashes after 2 years of implementation.

Conclusions: Ignition interlock laws reduce alcohol-involved fatal

crashes. Increasing the spread of interlock laws that are mandatory for all offenders would have significant public health benefit.

A teen's biggest safety threat is sitting on the driveway

Half of all teens will be involved in a car crash before graduating from high school. Parental involvement doesn't end when a child gets a license. Teens who continue to practice driving with their parents increase their chances of avoiding a crash. Parents are the biggest influencers on their teen drivers, even if you think they aren't listening.

A report from the Governors Highway Safety Association, *Mission Not Accomplished: Teen Safe Driving, the Next Chapter*, offers more information.

NHTSA reminds parents to set the rules before they hit the road with "5 to Drive":

- No cell phones while driving
- No extra passengers
- No speeding
- No alcohol
- No driving or riding without a seat belt.

Laws Aren't Enough - But Household Rules Can Come Close

No state has laws strong enough to fully protect new teen drivers. Household rules about passengers, nighttime driving and cell phone use can fill gaps in state laws. A New Driver Deal outlines these rules.

Teens Crash Because They Are Inexperienced Drivers

Contrary to popular belief, teens crash most often because they are inexperienced. They struggle judg-

ing gaps in traffic, driving the right speed for conditions and turning safely, among other things.

Drunk woman leaves car at restaurant, comes back to note on her windshield

Dear Original Joe's Sherwood Park guest,

Just wanted to thank you for leaving your car parked overnight. I'm not sure if you had consumed alcohol at our restaurant or not, but we wanted to thank you for not drinking and driving. Enclosed is a voucher good for 1 lb. of our delicious chicken wings. Please accept this as a thank you for being responsible. Life is valuable, have a great weekend.

UPCOMING RETRAIN

(Sun.) April 30, 2017
10:00 AM

West Hempstead Fire Dept.
295 Hempstead Turnpike
West Hempstead, NY 11552
Contact Jim Meehan,
718-383-9259

or

Contact MaryAnn Loiacono
917-208-1910
safetym@aol.com
for scheduled dates

CLASS SCHEDULES

Send in your scheduled classes (no less than 40 days in advance). The Classroom Location Schedule Form and other forms are available at <http://usatraining.com/take-a-class/form/>

2017 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE USA TRAINING

USA Training Company will be closed on the following dates:

- April 14 - Good Friday
- April 21 - San Jacinto Day
- May 29 - Memorial Day
- June 19 - Emancipation Day
- July 4 - July 4th Holiday
- September 4 - Labor Day
- October 9 - Columbus Day
- Nov. 10 - Veterans Day Observed
- November 23 & 24 - Thanksgiving
- December 25 & 26 - Christmas

Make sure to follow all DMV and New York State laws governing PIRP classes!!

NY in top 10 states for 'selfies' while driving

From "don't text and drive" to "don't Pokemon and drive" to "don't selfie and drive." New York ranks in the top 10 states with drivers who post the highest number of driving selfies.

According to a report by the Auto Insurance Center, New Yorkers make 1.29 posts per 100,000 residents while driving.

"Smartphones can provide nearly limitless entertainment, but activities like taking selfies while driving are just irresponsible," said Terri Egan, DMV Executive Deputy Commissioner and GTSC Acting Chair. "A quick search of social media or local news reports across the country show that taking selfies and even live streaming are things motorists actually do behind the wheel, with some doing so on a repeat basis. Whether it's answering a short text, making a quick phone call, taking a photo, or catching Pokémon, it's never a good idea to be distracted while driving. Keep your eyes on the road and put the phone down – it can wait!"

According to AAA, a driver's eyes may leave the road for at least two seconds to take a selfie. During this time a car traveling at 60 miles per hour can travel 176 feet, almost the length of two basketball courts. Recording a video can distract a driver for much longer.

It is illegal for drivers in New York State to use portable electronics while driving.

Illegal activities include:

- Holding a portable electronic device
- Talking on a handheld mobile telephone

- Composing, sending, reading, accessing, browsing, transmitting, saving or retrieving electronic data such as e-mail, text messages, or websites.
- Viewing, taking, or transmitting images

Exceptions to the laws include:

- When the driver uses a hands-free mobile telephone, which allows the user to communicate without the use of either hand
- Using a handheld electronic device that is affixed to a vehicle surface
- Using a GPS device that is attached to the vehicle
- When the purpose of the phone call is to communicate an emergency to a police or fire department, a hospital or physician's office, or an ambulance corps
- When operating an authorized emergency vehicle in the performance of official duties

Probationary and junior drivers could face a 120 day suspension for a first offense, and can lose their license for one year if a second offense is committed within six months. A person caught texting and driving faces up to a \$250 fine for a first offense and five points on their license.



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DEFINITIONS

(not in the dictionary)

- COMMITTEE:** A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours
EGOTIST: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.
DUST: Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

In the event USA is experiencing trouble with our phone network, scan your requests and email to

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NEW YORK

Make sure to follow all DMV and New York State laws governing PIRP classes!!

THE EMPIRE STATE

CHECK YOUR PIRP CERTIFICATION EXPIRATION DATE

NEW YORK DMV STATE-REQUIRED TRAINING

As you know, the New York DMV requires you to take a re-certification course every two (2) years to maintain a valid PIRP teaching license. Check your expiration date. This is a DMV mandatory requirement. If you are due for this class and do not attend, your teaching privileges will be suspended until you complete continuing education requirements. This means one-on-one training with one of USA trainers which will be MORE EXPENSIVE!

USA TRAINING COMPANY INC. HEADQUARTERS HAS SCHEDULED A GROUP RETRAIN FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE WITH SPECIAL RATE. SEE INFO BELOW.

Sunday – May 21, 2017 ♦ 9:00 a.m.

Courtyard New York LaGuardia Hotel by Marriott

9010 Ditmars Blvd. ♦ East Elmhurst, NY 11369

Call 718-446-4800 for directions

see website: <http://www.courtyardlaguardia.com>

The cost for **GROUP RETRAIN** is **\$25 per person paid in advanced with reservation form** (Continuing Education/GROUP RETRAIN Reservation Form below – due by May 12th)

If you choose not to pre-register, the **cost will be \$50 at the door.**

BONUS of ATTENDING GROUP RETRAIN:

- ♦ LUNCH will be provided compliments of USA Training Company Inc. by the Big Apple Bar & Grill at Courtyard hotel
- ♦ FREE Parking - parking fee covered by USA – bring your parking ticket to be stamped
- ♦ SAVE MONEY - *Instructor Renewal/Processing fee will be WAIVED for ALL PIRP instructors attending this GROUP class ONLY.*
- ♦ Some of USA's best and most experienced instructors will be there to make it a worthwhile day.

If you have any questions, PLEASE CONTACT:

MaryAnn Loiacono 917.208.1910 or Jim Meehan 718.383.9259



CONTINUING EDUCATION RESERVATION FORM:

Complete information & mail this reservation form and money - **DUE NO LATER THAN May 12th** to:
USA Training Company Inc. ♦ 8871 Tallwood Dr. ♦ Austin, TX 78759

Print Name: _____
FIRST NAME LAST NAME

Address: _____
CITY STATE ZIP

Email: _____

Drivers License #: _____ Phone # (_____) _____

Agency: _____
Name Agency #

➔ Enclose **RETRAIN CLASS** fee of **\$25** (check or money order) payable to **USA** ←