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Alcolockprogram for DUI-offenders in Norway

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Alcolock – Initiative to improve road safety

- Norway – long tradition of road safety
- Vision Zero
- Strict enforcement and particularly severe drink-driving sanctions

Background

- Multidiciplinary working group – June 2011

- Mandate
  present preliminary proposals to introduce new legislation to implement an Alcolock program under the present ”Driving under the Influence Prevention Programme”.

- The report is completed, and will be sent on public hearing as soon as possible

Target group

- Propose a program for the most severe DUI-offenders – BAC > 1,2 per mille or repeated offences

- Road safety – high risk group

Conditions

1. The Driving under Influence (DUI) Prevention Programme

2. Medical examination

The Driving under Influence Prevention Programme

- Offender program - alternative to unconditioned prison sentence
- Sentenced by a Criminal Court
- Run by the Probation service – 10 months
- Voluntary

Medical examination

- Every 6th months
- Last year – every 3rd months
- Biomarkers, clinical examination
- Requirement for recovery of drivers license – biomarkers on normal level for one year

The Alcolock driving license

- Special driving license limited to vehicles with an Alcolock

- Limited validity;
  - Geographical – only valid in Norway
  - period of duration - 6 months

- Alcolock license renewed after medical examination and service on car

Recovery of drivers license

- Completed The Driving under Influence Prevention Program
- Meets the regular conditions for holding a drivers license
- Sobriety:
  - medical examination must confirm sobriety
  - not repeated red-blows the last year

Withdrawal of driving license

- Competent authority – the Police

- On the following grounds:
  - DUI-offences and other sever offences of the Road Traffic Act (speeding)
  - medical conditions
  - lack of sobriety

Administration

- The Police – withdraw driving license
- The Public Road Administration – issues drivers license
- Probation services – in charge of the DUI Prevention Programme

Administrated by the Police

- Administrated by the public authority who has the competence of driving license withdrawal

- The Norwegian Police authorities