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Oregon's Medically At-Risk Driver Program NWTC 03/10/20



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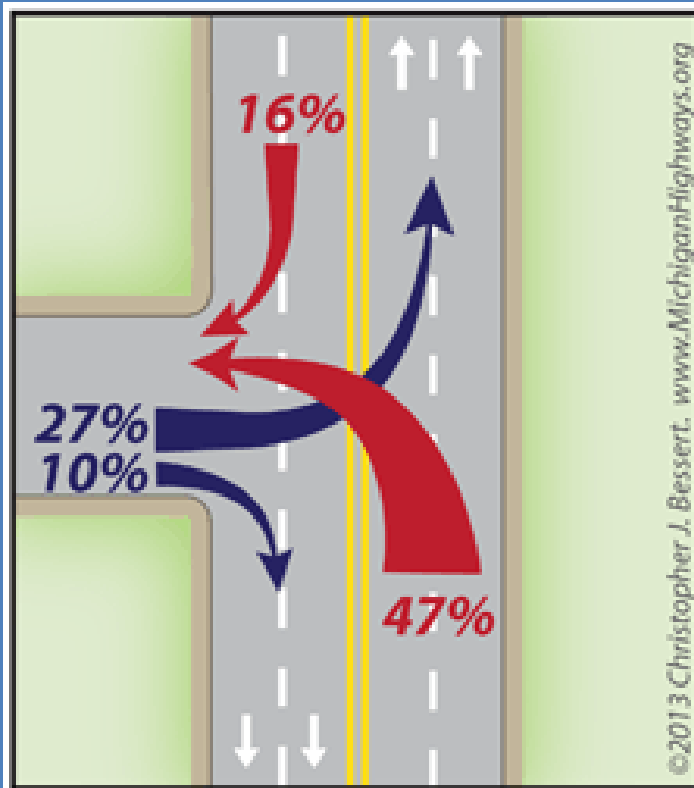
At-Risk Program

- Aging is not synonymous with “at risk” driving
 - Licensing policy focused on functional ability, not age
 - Develop better methods to identify unsafe drivers of any age
 - Educate the public about issues concerning aging and driving





Warning Signs - Driving



Percentage of crashes by driveway movement. Source: Federal Highway Administration, Office of Operations, 2006.

- Trouble paying attention while driving
 - Missing traffic signs or seeing them too late
 - Failing to notice pedestrians or approaching vehicles
- Trouble remembering where you are going; where you left your car
- Get lost on routes that were once familiar
- Trouble making turns, especially left turns





Warning Signs - Driving

- Feel confused when exiting a highway or by traffic signs (4-way stops, roundabouts)
- Find other drivers honk their horns at you
- Stop at green light or brake inappropriately
- Difficulty making sound judgments, such as unsafe passing
- Have thought or been told that you are no longer safe to drive





Warning Signs - Medical

- Major life change/stressor
- Forgetfulness, agitation, confusion, disorientation
- Loss of coordination and joint stiffness
- Loss of feeling in extremities





Warning Signs - Medical

- Trouble walking, swallowing, hearing
- Dizziness when changing positions (tripping/falling)
- Shortness of breath and general fatigue
- Difficulty following/responding to verbal instructions
- Polypharmacy





Conditions Associated with Driving Risk

Conditions	Example
Polypharmacy	Anticholinergics, some antidepressants, anti-convulsants, sedatives-narcotics
Cardiovascular disease	Unstable angina, heart failure
Neurological disease	Parkinsons, dementia, seizures, vertigo
Psychiatric disease	Depression, substance abuse
Metabolic disorders	Diabetes
Visual disease	Cataracts, macular degeneration
Respiratory disease	COPD, sleep apnea
Musculoskeletal disease	Arthritis





Self-Regulation

- “A complex process that cannot be defined simply by the reported driving modifications made by drivers.”
- “Shows promise as a means by which older adults can continue to drive at some level without having to stop altogether.”

(Molnar, et al, 2013)





At-Risk Driver Program

(routes for entering program)

- Mandatory Reporting
- Non-Mandatory Reporting
- Self-Reporting-condition reported at license renewal
- DMV Vision Screening – All drivers 50+ must take vision test at license renewal
- Voluntary Request for Retesting (knowledge and/or drive) – Testing not allowed to satisfy curiosity, acknowledgement of possible problem with safe driving required. Failure can result in suspension.





Mandatory Reporting ***OAR 735-074***

What ***MUST*** be reported?

Designated physicians or health care providers must report those persons with ***severe and uncontrollable cognitive or functional impairments*** affecting the person's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle





Mandatory Reporting

- **WHO:** primary care provider, ED physician when no PCP, specialists assessing cognitive and functional impairments
- **WHAT:** *"severe and uncontrollable"* functional and/or cognitive impairments
- **HOW:** DMV Mandatory Impairment Referral





Mandatory Reporting

- If report is not accepted as a mandatory report it will be reviewed as a non-mandatory report.
- If it cannot be accepted as either it will be returned to you with a letter explaining what is missing
- You will be notified when action is taken by DMV





Mandatory Reporting - Liability

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS 807.710)

"If a designated physician or healthcare provider makes a report to the department in good faith, that person shall be immune from civil liability that might otherwise result from making the report. If a designated physician or healthcare provider does not make a report, that person shall be immune from civil liability that might otherwise result from not making a report."






Non-Mandatory Reporting ***OAR 735-076***

- **WHO:** medical professionals (when not required by Mandatory program), pharmacists, social service providers, law enforcement, courts, family and friends
- **WHAT:** medical conditions *that do not meet the "severe and uncontrollable" threshold* and/or possible medical conditions and observed driving behaviors
- **HOW:** DMV Driver Evaluation Request (non-mandatory reports are not required to be reported on this form)





Non-Mandatory Reporting Form



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DRIVER AND MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES
1905 LANA AVE NE, SALEM OREGON 97314

DRIVER EVALUATION REQUEST

[Clear Form](#)
[Print](#)

DMV may require re-evaluation only when there is reason to believe that a driver may no longer be qualified to hold a license. The individual may be required to take vision, knowledge or driving tests or obtain a medical clearance.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete this form to request that DMV re-evaluate a driver's ability to drive safely.
2. Sign this request in the signature block provided. **Anonymous requests will not be honored.**
3. Mail or fax completed request to: DMV, Driver Safety Unit, 1905 Lana Avenue NE, Salem Oregon 97314; FAX: (503) 945-5329.

NAME OF PERSON TO BE RE-EVALUATED (Last, First, Middle)	SEX	ODL / CUSTOMER NUMBER	DATE OF BIRTH	
STREET ADDRESS	CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE

Include enough information for us to positively identify driver (name and DOB at a minimum)





Non-Mandatory Reporting Form

DRIVER BEHAVIOR – Check appropriate boxes for driving problems you have observed:

<input type="checkbox"/> Does not see or react to other cars, pedestrians, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Applies brake and gas pedals at the same time
<input type="checkbox"/> Drives in wrong lane or on wrong side of road	<input type="checkbox"/> Is confused by traffic
<input type="checkbox"/> Allows car to drift in and out of lane	<input type="checkbox"/> Gets lost or confused while driving near home
<input type="checkbox"/> Drives on sidewalk	<input type="checkbox"/> Backs up or changes lanes without looking back or checking mirrors
<input type="checkbox"/> Makes turns from wrong lane	<input type="checkbox"/> Fails to react to traffic signals, other cars, pedestrians, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> Turns in front of on-coming cars	<input type="checkbox"/> Has slow reaction times (caused by medications, drugs or condition)
<input type="checkbox"/> Acts violently or aggressively when driving	<input type="checkbox"/> Makes driving mistakes while talking to passengers
<input type="checkbox"/> Drives too slowly, or stops, for no reason	<input type="checkbox"/> Falls asleep while driving
<input type="checkbox"/> Has trouble steering, braking, or otherwise controlling car	<input type="checkbox"/> Other actions (describe below)

Please use the space below and the back of this form to provide **specific information such as events, dates and places** which cause you to question the individual's ability to drive safely. If you believe the person has a medical condition/impairment that impacts safe driving, please provide information about its impact on their ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. Attach any supporting documentation.

Checkboxes to help describe impairments, but narrative is still vital. Diagnosis, age, or medication alone will not suffice





Non-Mandatory Reporting Form

Check here if you want your name kept confidential. DMV may not be able to keep this request confidential if the driver requests a hearing or files a lawsuit against DMV.

YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE DRIVER:

Law Enforcement Physician* Health Care Provider* (explain): _____

Relative Friend DMV Employee Court Other (explain): _____

** Medical providers who are required to report patients under the mandatory reporting program must use DMV Form 735-7230. Please refer to www.OregonDMV.com for more information.*

YOUR NAME (Please Print) _____	SIGNATURE X	DATE _____
YOUR MAILING ADDRESS (City, State, Zip Code) _____	DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER _____	FAX _____

Name and signature must be included for DMV to process. Anonymous reports are not allowed.





HIPAA

- HIPAA – DMV is considered a public health entity
- Protected health information required to be reported by Administrative Rule is the minimum necessary to accomplish this purpose
- DMV does not allow reports to be filed via Internet or e-mail. They may only be faxed or mailed to DMV.
- July 2020 – System rollout





Confidentiality of Reporters

All written documentation, including the name of the reporter, will be kept confidential and not released to any person unless:

- The report was submitted by a police officer or judge acting within the scope of his/her official duties;
- DMV determines the documentation must be released pursuant to the Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505 or the Attorney General or a court orders disclosure in accordance with the Public Records Law; or
- DMV determines the documentation to be necessary evidence in an administrative proceeding involving the suspension or cancellation of the person's driving privileges or right to apply for driving privileges.





Retirement from Driving

- Quit Driving ID
 - No fee Identification Card
 - Expires on the same date drivers licenses expires
 - Lifts At-risk suspensions
 - Must acknowledge that they are no longer competent to drive
 - To regain driving privileges Medical Clearance and testing (vision, knowledge, drive) is required
 - Average age 81
 - QDID by mail for persons who are medically unable to visit a DMV field office





Resources

- Self-test and self regulate
- CDC's MyMobility Plan
- AARP
 - Smart Driver course
 - We Need To Talk
 - Smart Driver Tech
- AAA Roadwise Review
 - Self-rating tool
 - Interactive Driving Evaluation
 - Information on Driving Skills Assessments & Clinical Assessment
 - Roadwise Rx – generates a report on specific medications and combination of medications





Resources

- Professional Lessons
- Certified Driving Rehabilitation Specialist (OT)
- CarFit (AARP,AAA,AOTA)





Resources

- **Organizations**

- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
- Clearinghouse for Older Road User Safety (Chorus)
- Parkinson's Disease Foundation
- Alzheimer's Association
- The Hartford





Resources

- Area Agencies On Aging (the other AAA)
- Tripcheck.com
- oregondmv.com





QUESTIONS

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