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### **What happens after the RI DMV is notified?**

Upon notification, Operator Control will contact the person in writing to request an in-person interview.

The interviewer will assess what additional information may be needed from the medical community.

Operator Control may require the person to complete a medical road exam.

All of the collected information is used to inform the DMV's decision to revoke or reinstate the person's license.

### **What does the DMV do to help screen unsafe older drivers?**

To allow RI DMV to screen older drivers more frequently, RI Law (R.I.G.L. §31-10-30) requires all drivers aged 75 and older to renew his or her driver's license every two years rather than every five years.

## **Resources**

### **RI State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders**

<http://www.ltgov.ri.gov/alz>

### **Alzheimer's Association (alz.org)**

24-7 Helpline: 800-272-3900

<http://www.alz.org/care/alzheimers-dementia-and-driving.asp>

### **AAA (aaa.com)**

New Older Driver Trends in Upward Direction. May 8, 2014

<http://newsroom.aaa.com/2014/05/new-older-driver-data-trends-in-upward-direction/>

Senior Driving

<https://seniordriving.aaa.com/evaluate-your-driving-ability>

### **AARP (aarp.org)**

Driver Safety Classes

<http://www.aarp.org/applications/>

### **Senior Solutions of America, Inc.**

Elderly Drivers: Is Your Loved One Driving Safely?

[http://www.aging-parents-and-elder-care.com/Pages/Checklists/Elderly\\_Drivers.html](http://www.aging-parents-and-elder-care.com/Pages/Checklists/Elderly_Drivers.html)

### **Rhode2Safety**

Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Proven Strategies & Countermeasures For Older Drivers

[http://s3.amazonaws.com/media.atssa.com/default-file/RI\\_SHSP\\_Final.pdf](http://s3.amazonaws.com/media.atssa.com/default-file/RI_SHSP_Final.pdf)

### **Center for Disease Control and Prevention Injury Prevention and Control**

[http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/older\\_adult\\_drivers/adult\\_drivers\\_factsheet.html](http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/older_adult_drivers/adult_drivers_factsheet.html)

## **Fast Facts, Tips & Resources**



# **Safe Driving: Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders**

*Recommendations from the  
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# *How to spot unsafe drivers, what to do about it, and where to find resources and information...*

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- ⇒ Drivers aged 65 and older comprise the fastest growing population of drivers in the United States.
- ⇒ In the United States, 84% of drivers aged 65 and older hold a valid driver's license.
- ⇒ Most traffic fatalities involving older drivers occur during the daytime, in clear weather, and on weekdays.
- ⇒ Compared to other drivers, those 75 and older have higher fatality rates per mile driven.
- ⇒ Drivers exhibiting symptoms of dementia tend to overestimate their driving abilities.

## ***What are some tell-tale signs that it may be unsafe for my loved one to continue driving?***

- ⇒ Unexplained dents and/or scrapes on car, fence, garage.
- ⇒ Parking incorrectly
- ⇒ Driving too slowly
- ⇒ Trouble staying in lane
- ⇒ Frequently getting lost in familiar places
- ⇒ Delayed responses to unexpected situations
- ⇒ Nervous, angry or confused when driving
- ⇒ Trouble paying attention to traffic signals and road signs
- ⇒ Taking medications that could affect driving ability
- ⇒ Confusion when moving foot between gas and brake pedals
- ⇒ Difficulty hearing what is going on outside the car, such as the sound of a siren.

## ***My loved one should not be driving, but he/she refuses to stop. What can I do?***

Speak your loved one's physician or optician about your concerns.

RI Law (R.I.G.L. §31-10-44(d)) permits a physician or optician to report concerns about patients diagnosed with any condition that will significantly impair his/her ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.

## ***How can I report an unsafe driver?***

You may confidentially report your concerns to:

### **Michael Kinch**

Chief, Operator Control Department  
Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)  
600 New London Avenue  
Cranston, RI 02920-3024

Anyone (family members, police officers, etc.) may report concerns about an individual's driving ability to the RI DMV's Operator Control Department and request that person's license to be suspended.

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