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# Reporting and Reviewing Impaired Drivers

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# Reviewing Drivers

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- DMV does not base driving on age but on function
- Each case is evaluated on its own merits
- DMV identifies drivers for review by
  - Driver's license applications
  - Reports of impaired drivers



# Driver's License Application

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Medical questions on the DMV application inquire about:

- Vision conditions
- Physical and/or mental condition that requires medication
- Seizure, blackout or loss of consciousness
- Condition that requires the use of special equipment to drive

# Reports of Impaired Drivers

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DMV receives reports from:

- Law enforcement
- Physicians
- Courts
- DMV representatives
- Relatives
- Concerned citizens
- The Driver



# Reports of Impaired Drivers

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Statutes that encourage reporting of impaired drivers:

- Virginia Code § 46.2-322
- Virginia Code § 54.1-2966.1



# Reports of Impaired Drivers

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## Information needed:

- Identifying information about the driver
- Reason why reporting person is concerned
- Relationship to the driver
- Signature of person making the report (for letters and DMV report forms)
- Contact information for the reporting person



# Med 3 – Medical Review Request

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- Submit by fax to (804) 367-1603
- Submit by mail to:

2300 West Broad Street

Richmond, VA 23269

Attention: Medical Review Services





# Importance of Reporting

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- Please provide specific information about the concern
- What did you observe? Be as specific as possible
- Even if the driver continues to drive, the driver, the family and the healthcare provider will be alerted to potential conditions that may impact driving safety
- Documents a history that may indicate a pattern is developing



# Assessing a Driver

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- Does the driver have difficulty communicating/do the answers make sense?
- Does the driver admit being unaware of the other vehicles or pedestrians?
- Does the driver seem confused when following instructions?
- Does the driver have difficulty producing ID?
- Does the driver understand the laws ignored or violated?
- Is the driver aware of the day, date and time?



# Red Flags

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- Pedal misapplication
- Dings and dents
- Family expresses concerns
- Inability to maintain speed and lane position
- Driving below the speed limit
- Inappropriate stops
- Driving on the wrong side of the road/wrong lane

# Red Flags

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- Confusion/Disorientation
- Seizure/Loss of Consciousness/Alteration of Awareness
- Falling asleep
- Weakness
- Walking/Balance Problem
- Vision problem