

Getting Around Safe and Sound



Driving Safely into
the Future

Medical Review Program

■ Overview

- Established in 1986

■ Goal:

- Determine medical eligibility for commercial and non-commercial drivers
- Research and respond to safety concerns from various sources
- Meet with Medical Advisory Board to discuss legislative or rule changes

A.R.S. 28-3005 – Medical or Psychological Reports; Immunity; Definitions

- For medical or psychological conditions a qualified individual who provides information to the director in good faith and at the written request of a driver license applicant or licensee concerning a person's medical or psychological condition with respect to operation of a motor vehicle is immune from personal liability with respect to the information provided.
- A qualified individual may voluntarily report a patient to the department who has a medical or psychological condition that in the opinion of the qualified individual could significantly impair the person's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.
- If a report is made, the qualified individual shall make the report in writing, including the name, address and date of birth of the patient.
- A person shall not bring an action against a qualified person for not making a report. Also, the qualified individual submitting the report in good faith is immune from civil or criminal liability for making the report.

Ability- Not Age

- Driving is an ability issue, not an age issue
- There is no cut-off age for driving
- Renewal: every five years, beginning at age 65 and requires a vision test
- Written/road test as needed (standard written tests as needed)
- Compromised driving can occur at any age

What types of conditions may affect driving?

- Diabetes
- Stroke
- Amputation
- Severe head injury
- New/change in medication- especially if mixed with alcohol consumption

Reporting Unsafe Driver

- Use MVD's Driver Condition/Behavior Report: www.azdot.gov/mvd (MVD forms) can be use by anyone to report an unsafe driver

Name Form Number	Purpose	Size Pages
Driver Condition/Behavior Report 96-0469 	For any person to report information and observations regarding a licensed driver's physical or mental/emotional condition that may affect his or her ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.	70KB 1 pg

- Be specific, clearly identify the observed driver behavior that results in unsafe driving
- Examples:
 - Patient has dementia, revoke driver license
 - Patient has impaired mobility, needs MVD road
- Clearly identify yourself and include contact information

Medical Review Sources

- Medical professionals
- Law Enforcement
- Paramedics
- Family members
- Court personnel
- Concerned citizens
- Self reporting

Medical Review Program: Next Steps

- Report is reviewed and appropriate action is taken
- If report is from a physician and calls for driver license revocation, a revocation letter is mailed to the driver
- A report may call for a road and/or written test

Options: Restricted Driver License

- Daylight driving only
- 5-mile radius of residence
- Golf Cart only
- Special drive: extended road test
- Adaptive Equipment

Additional Information

- Patient confidentiality is protected
- Medical Review Program can confirm receipt of report, but cannot provide details of actions taken

2011 Class D Driver Statistics

- 15,777 files processed
- 1,179 required regular road test
- 75 Special Performance Evaluation or “Special Drive”
- 1,572 drivers suspended or revoked for failure to meet medical/vision standards

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