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## Older Drivers

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As individuals age, changes in vision, physical strength and cognition can contribute to a loss of self-confidence and ability to operate a motor. Some older adults equate the prospect of losing one's drivers license as a loss of independence and personal freedom. Faced with this choice, some older adults risk personal injury rather than give up their driver's license. State motor vehicle and local law enforcement agencies have different perspectives on the risks of older drivers. Internet sites selected here reflect a broad spectrum of public policy viewpoints as well as practical advice for elders and their concerned family members.

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### Family Information

#### **What You Should Know About Aging and Driving**

(GrandDriver)

<http://www.granddriver.info/>

#### **Older Drivers (Fact Sheet)**

(National Institute on Aging)

<http://www.nia.nih.gov/health/agepages/drivers.htm>

#### **When You Are Concerned – A Handbook for Families, Friends, and Caregivers**

Worried about the Safety of an Aging Driver

(New York Department for the Aging)

<http://aging.state.ny.us/caring/concerned/>

#### **55 Alive – Mature Driving Program**

<http://www.aarp.org/55alive/>

#### **Driving Safely while Aging Gracefully**

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/olddrive/Driving Safely Aging Web/index.html>

## **Driving for Life: A Guide for Older Drivers**

(Michigan Department of State)

<http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1627-47520--,00.html>

## **ACT Older Drivers Handbook**

(Australian Council on Ageing)

<http://www.act.gov.au/living/roads/older/contents.html>

## **Tips from Lighthouse International for Older Drivers with Vision Problems**

(Light House International)

[http://www.lighthouse.org/pr\\_driving\\_tips.htm](http://www.lighthouse.org/pr_driving_tips.htm)

## **Driving on in Aging**

(ABC News)

[http://abclocal.go.com/kfsn/health/healthwatch/health\\_101402\\_driving.html](http://abclocal.go.com/kfsn/health/healthwatch/health_101402_driving.html)

## **License Renewal**

### **U.S. Driver Licensing Renewal Procedures For Older Drivers**

as of January 2003

(Insurance Institute for Highway Safety)

[http://www.hwysafety.org/safety\\_facts/state\\_laws/older\\_drivers.htm](http://www.hwysafety.org/safety_facts/state_laws/older_drivers.htm)

### **Older Driver Re-licensing Laws: The State of the States**

(National Academy on An Aging Society)

<http://www.agingsociety.org/statesIndex.htm>

## **Organizations and Information Centers**

### **Senior Drivers Website**

(American Automobile Association)

<http://www.seniordrivers.org/home/toppage.cfm>

### **Older Drivers**

(Drivers.com)

[http://www.drivers.com/Top\\_Older\\_Drivers.html](http://www.drivers.com/Top_Older_Drivers.html)

### **Disabled Drivers Information Website**

(United Kingdom)

<http://www.disabled.driverinfo.btinternet.co.uk/>

### **Association of Drive Rehabilitation Specialists**

<http://www.driver-ed.org/>

## **Research and Statistics**

Federal Highway Administration

### **Guidelines and Recommendations to Accommodate Older Drivers and Pedestrians**

<http://www.tfhrc.gov/humanfac/01105/cover.htm>

National Highway Safety Administration

**Older Road Users**

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/olddrive/>

**Research Agenda for Older Drivers**

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/olddrive/pub/Chapter3.html>

**Accident Analysis of Older Drivers at Intersections**

<http://www.bts.gov/NTL/DOCS/hsis/94-021.htm>

**Safe Mobility for Older People: Model Driver Screening and Evaluation Program**

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/olddrive/safe/>

**Older Drivers: Cues for Law Enforcement**

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/olddrive/cuesindex.html>

**Intersection Negotiation Problems of Older Drivers: Technical Report**

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/olddrive/oldvol1/vol1tablecontent.html>

**Further Analysis of Drivers Licensed with Medical Conditions in Utah**

[http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/olddrive/utah/utah\\_index.htm](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/olddrive/utah/utah_index.htm)

The Road Information Program (TRIP)

**Traffic Safety and Older Americans: Making Roads Safer for Motorists**

<http://www.tripnet.org/OlderDriversStudyOct2000.PDF>

**Statistics: Drivers 70 and Over Killed in Traffic Accidents (1989-1999)**

<http://www.tripnet.org/OlderDriversInvolved&killedinTrafficAccidents1989&1999.htm>

**Top Ten States in the Number of Older Drivers (Aged 70 and Up) Involved In A Fatal Traffic Crash In 1998**

<http://www.tripnet.org/toptenolderdriver.htm>

AARP

**Older Drivers**

[http://research.aarp.org/consume/fs51r\\_older\\_drivers.html](http://research.aarp.org/consume/fs51r_older_drivers.html)

Other Resources

**Older Adult Drivers**

Injury Fact Book, 2001-2002

(National Center for Injury Prevention and Control)

[http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/fact\\_book/18\\_Older\\_Adult\\_Drivers.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/fact_book/18_Older_Adult_Drivers.htm)

**Predicting Crash Involvement of Older Drivers**

(Roybal Centers for Research on Applied Gerontology)

[http://www.applied-gerontology.org/UAB\\_Brief\\_Winter\\_01.pdf](http://www.applied-gerontology.org/UAB_Brief_Winter_01.pdf)

### **Senior Drivers**

(AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety )

<http://www.seniordrivers.org/home/toppage.cfm>

### **Older Drivers**

(Insurance Information Institute)

<http://www.iii.org/media/hottopics/insurance/olderdrivers/>

### **Older Driver Involvements in Police Reported Crashes And Fatal Crashes: Trends and Projections**

(Duke University Science News)

Abstract: <http://unisci.com/stories/20022/0624023.htm>

Full article: <http://press.psprings.co.uk/ip/june/ip-94722.pdf>

### **Vision in Older Drivers**

(Visual Experts Human Factors)

<http://www.visualexpert.com/Resources/olderdrivers.html>

### **The Older Adult Driver**

(American Family Physician)

<http://www.aafp.org/afp/20000101/141.html>

### **Aging Drivers**

(American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators)

[http://www.aamva.org/drivers/drv\\_AgingDrivers.asp](http://www.aamva.org/drivers/drv_AgingDrivers.asp)

### **Older Drivers Twice as likely to be Involved in Left Turn Crashes and Older Belted Drivers Seven Times more likely to Be Killed or Hospitalized**

(American College of Emergency Physicians)

<http://www.acep.org/1,1363,0.html>

### **Crosswalk Markings and the Risk of Pedestrian Motor Vehicle Collisions in Older Pedestrians**

(Journal of the American Medical Association)

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/issues/v288n17/abs/joc10880.html>

### **Transportation Safety**

(Center for Injury Prevention Policy and Practice

San Diego State University)

<http://www.injuryprevention.org/links/links-trans.htm>

### **Fact Summary: Impact of Cataract Surgery on Motor Vehicle Crash Involvement by Older Adults**

(American Academy of Ophthalmology)

[http://www.aao.org/aao/education/library/summary\\_mvcataract.cfm](http://www.aao.org/aao/education/library/summary_mvcataract.cfm)

### **Report of the Older Driver Advisory Committee**

(Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles)

[http://www.odot.state.or.us/dmv/pdf/ODAC\\_Final\\_Recommendation.pdf](http://www.odot.state.or.us/dmv/pdf/ODAC_Final_Recommendation.pdf)

### **Older Driver Study**

(Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles)

<http://www.odot.state.or.us/dmv/olderdriver/olderdriver.htm>

### **Predicting Crash Involvement of Older Drivers**

(Edward R. Roybal Centers for Research and Applied Gerontology)

[http://www.applied-gerontology.org/UAB\\_Brief\\_Winter\\_01.pdf](http://www.applied-gerontology.org/UAB_Brief_Winter_01.pdf)

### **An Aging Population: Fragile, Handle with Care**

(University of Michigan Trauma Center)

[http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/departments/nrd-50/ciren/um\\_fragile.html](http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/departments/nrd-50/ciren/um_fragile.html)

### **Older Drivers – They Aren’t Dangerous Except Maybe to Themselves**

(Insurance Institute for Highway Safety)

<http://www.hwysafety.org/srpdfs/sr3608.pdf>

### **The Elderly Driver (Chart) Merck Manual of Geriatrics**

(Merck)

[http://www.merck.com/pubs/mm\\_geriatrics/figures/23f2.htm](http://www.merck.com/pubs/mm_geriatrics/figures/23f2.htm)

### **Recent Articles**

#### **Older Drivers to Get Vision Tests**

(Miami Herald)

<http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/news/5765641.htm>

#### **“Dad, Please Let Me Have the Car Keys”**

(Go.60.com)

[http://www.go60.com/elderly\\_driver.htm](http://www.go60.com/elderly_driver.htm)

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### **Center for Communication and Consumer Services**

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