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Having Difficult Conversations Resources

- We Need to Talk Course AARP
- How to Understand and Influence Older Drivers National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- Talking to Older Drivers about Safety Concerns National Institute on Aging
- Family Conversations with Older Drivers The Hartford
 - We Need to Talk... Family Conversations with Older Drivers Guidebook
 The Hartford
- <u>Dementia and Driving</u> The Hartford
 - At the Crossroads: Family Conversations about Alzheimer's Disease,
 Dementia, and Driving Guidebook The Hartford

Driver Rehabilitation Programs

 <u>UVM Medical Center - Driver Rehab Program, Burlington</u>: The University of Vermont Medical Center occupational therapists are specially trained as driver educators to help get older people back on the road (if it is safe to do so).

Call: 802-847-3140

- Central Vermont Medical Center Clinical Driver Assessments, Berlin: The Clinical Driving Assessment program is a comprehensive clinical assessment for those who may be at a high risk for an automobile crash. Call: 802-847-3140
- <u>Rutland Regional Driver Assessment Program, Rutland:</u> Specially trained therapists provide screening services to ensure you can drive safely.
 Call: 802-772-2490

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 Adaptive Driving Associates, White River Junction: Certified driver rehabilitation.

Call: 802-296-2004

Safe Driving Programs

Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) – Mature Drivers, Statewide:
 The DMV strives to keep mature drivers on the road as long as possible with a primary concern of safety to all.

Call: 888-970-0357

- AARP Smart Driver Course: The AARP Smart Driver course is the nation's
 first refresher course specifically designed for drivers age 50 and older. In
 many states, drivers may benefit from a discount on their auto insurance
 premium upon completing the course.
- AAA RoadWise Driver Program: a senior defensive driving program is an online course designed to positively affect driving behavior and help you learn about and adjust to age-related physical changes.

Transportation Options

 <u>Rides In Sight:</u> provides information about senior transportation options in local communities throughout the United States.

Call: +1-855-607-4337

 Vermont Public Transportation Association: provides mobility choices for seniors (60+) and people with disabilities.

Call: 802-442-0629

Additional Vermont Older Adult Resources & Support

<u>Department of Disabilities</u>, <u>Aging</u>, <u>and Independent Living (DAIL)</u>:
 Responsible for management and oversight of a full array of long-term

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services and supports for older Vermonters and adults with physical disabilities.

Call: 802-241-0294

- Vermont Department of Health: Older Driver Safety webpage with interactive map of resources and comprehensive information.
- Vermont Center for Independent Living: (VCIL): VCIL works to promote the
 dignity, independence and civil rights of Vermonters with disabilities. Like
 other independent living centers across the country, VCIL is committed to:
 services for all disabilities; promotion of active citizenship; and working with
 others to create services that support free-choice and full participation in
 community life.
- Area Agencies on Aging: These agencies offer information and assistance to Vermonters age 60+ and their care partners.
 Call 1-800-642-5119 to connect to your local agency or visit <u>vermont4a.org</u>
- Vermont 211: a database that contains detailed descriptions of programs and services available to Vermonters.

Call: 2-1-1

Additional National Older Adult Resources & Support

- Older Drivers: Stay Safe Behind the Wheel Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 - CDC MyMobility Plan: This mobility planning tool can guide you to take action today to help keep yourself—or your loved ones—safe, mobile, and independent today and in the future.
- Older Driver Safety Page National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- Older Drivers National Institute on Aging