

RED FLAGS OF MEDICALLY AT-RISK DRIVERS



LOOK FOR "RED FLAGS" WHEN YOU MAKE A STOP

- Does the driver have difficulty communicating/do the answers make sense?
- Does the driver seem confused when following your instructions or have difficulty producing ID?
- Does the driver recall the time of day, day of the week, month, or year?
- Does the driver admit to being unaware of other vehicles or other pedestrians?
- Does the driver understand the laws ignored or violated?

If the behavior you observe raises Red Flags about a potential medical or cognitive condition that affects safe driving, DOCUMENT THE STOP & MAKE THE REFERRAL:

INDICATORS TO LOOK FOR & INCLUDE IN YOUR REPORT:

- Confused/Disoriented
- Lost or confused while driving near home
- Drowsy
- Blackout
- Seizure
- Fainting Spell
- Alcohol/drug use
- Prescription medication
- Weakness/poor coordination
- Walking/balance problem
- Vision Problem
- Not reacting to vehicles/pedestrians
- Not adequately controlling vehicle
- Driving too slow or inappropriately stopping
- Driving on the wrong side of road/wrong lane

REMEMBER:

YOU ARE THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE.

Your attention and appropriate referral COULD prevent a crash, reduce injuries, save lives!

AN EFFECTIVE DMV REPORT INCLUDES:

- Specific information about your concerns and why the driver should be reviewed
- Specific **BEHAVIORS YOU OBSERVED** – physical and mental impairments

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REPORT BECAUSE...

- It introduces the driver, their family, and their healthcare providers to a potential medical condition that affects safe driving
- Documenting traffic stops provides a history that can track and determine potentially unsafe developing patterns

FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- For use by Law Enforcement or police to request that a driver be re-evaluated for driving ability through the Vermont DMV: <https://dmv.vermont.gov/document/driver-evaluation-recommendation>
- The Vermont Department of Health is also available for additional resources and assistance. Visit: healthvermont.gov/OlderDrivers

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