

What is a Driving Assessment?

A driving assessment is an office-based assessment of **medical fitness to drive**. The evaluation measures a driver's physical and mental responses to driving situations. We use a realistic driving simulator, as well as other measures, to identify any physical, visual, cognitive, or mental impairments that may adversely affect driving abilities.



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Why Assess Drivers?

Driving is a complex activity requiring high-level cognitive skills, including visual processing, attention, judgment, and memory. Declines in these functions make older drivers vulnerable to crashes in complex driving situations.

As a result, older drivers are more likely to experience crashes at intersections, especially when a left-hand turn is involved. Safety for older drivers is a public health issue. As the number of older drivers rises, patients and their families increasingly turn to medical professionals for guidance on safe driving.

Source: American Medical Association and Department of Transportation

What Happens if a Driver Does Not Pass the Evaluation?

A written report of the driver's performance may be sent to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Driving assessment results are standardized according to the American Medical Association guidelines.

Key Driving Facts

- Although many older drivers self-regulate their driving behavior, this is not enough to keep crash rates down.
- Per mile driven, the fatality rate for drivers 85 years and older is **nine times** higher than the rate for drivers 25-69 years old.
- The crash rate for older drivers is related to physical and mental changes associated with aging and neurological disease.
- Medical professionals can influence their patients' decision to modify or retire from driving. They can also help their patients maintain safe driving skills.
- Compared with other drivers, older drivers have a higher fatality rate per mile driven than any other age group except drivers under the age of 25.

Source: Department of Transportation



How Do I Schedule a Driving Assessment?

*Call the Driving Assessment Program:
(203) 748-2551 x368*

How Long is the Assessment?

The driving assessment is approximately two hours.

What Does It Cost?

The driving assessment service fee is \$300 and is not currently covered by insurance.

Other Driving Resources:

The Hartford
www.thehartford.com/talkwitholderdrivers

American Medical Association
www.ama-assn.org