

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 pedestrians?
- Does the driver understand the laws ignored or violated?

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

Check-off Indicators:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Confused/disoriented | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking/balance problem |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lost or confused while driving near home | <input type="checkbox"/> Vision problem |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drowsy | <input type="checkbox"/> Not reacting to vehicles/pedestrians |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blackout | <input type="checkbox"/> Not adequately controlling vehicle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure | <input type="checkbox"/> Driving too slow or inappropriately stopping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fainting Spell | <input type="checkbox"/> Driving on wrong side of road/wrong lane |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol/drug use | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription medication | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weakness/poor coordination | |

**YOU are the first line of defense:
Your attention and appropriate referral
COULD prevent a crash!**

Request for Re-exam (RRE) (DC-039) makes a medical referral to MVA for an individual review of a driver's functional ability to drive safely.



Submit **electronically** on E-TIX Delta Plus:
MVA Driver Re-Exam

If your agency is **NOT** on E-TIX, complete the DC-039 form and submit manually

An effective RRE includes:

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

It's 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

Resources for YOU, drivers, family & caregivers

MVA's website offers information and links on: Aging, health and affects on driving;
Driver assessment, training and rehabilitation;
Understanding MVA's medical referral process; and
Transportation alternatives to driving

<https://mva.maryland.gov/about-mva/Pages/info/26200/safety.aspx>

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