



Do You Have a Communication Disability?



If you have a diagnosed communication disability, you can voluntarily enroll in a database that connects to the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS). Through this data system, law enforcement is made aware that the driver, or a person in the vehicle, may have difficulty communicating with an officer.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Am I required to identify as a person with a communication disability?**
No, identification is voluntary.
- **How will law enforcement know I have a communication disability?**
If pulled over, police officers will be alerted through LEADS that you have a communication disability when they enter the license plate number into their system.
- **Will police officers know what type of communication disability I have?**
No. Due to confidentiality, police officers will not have that information. They will only know that the registered person, or someone who frequently travels in the vehicle, has a communication disability.

- **Do I have to disclose personal medical information in order to identify as someone with a communication disability?**

No, you do not have to disclose personal medical information. However, a licensed practitioner must sign the Communication Disability Verification Form to verify that you have a diagnosed condition.



- **How do I identify as a person with a communication disability?**

You may download the Verification Form from <https://ood.ohio.gov/laws-rules-and-policies/laws/communication-disability-law>. Applicants may mail a completed form to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles/Vehicle Information Services, P.O. Box 16521, Columbus, Ohio 43216-6521, or scan and email to VIS-Administration@dps.ohio.gov, or deliver to any Deputy Registrar.



- **How will I know that my communication disability form has been received?**

You will receive a confirmation receipt sent to the email address you provided on the form.

For additional questions, please contact:

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