

STAY FIT TO DRIVE



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What can I do if I'm concerned about someone's driving, but they don't see it as a problem?

You can start by sharing that you're concerned about their safety and the safety of others if they keep driving, using specific examples if possible. Offer to help find alternative transportation options, such as public transportation, rides from family and friends, or ride-sharing services.

If speaking to your friend or family member directly doesn't help, consider sharing your concerns with their physician or other health care professional. The health care professional or family member could refer the older driver for a driving evaluation with a professional called a Driver Rehabilitation Specialist.

The results of the evaluation could include adaptive driving equipment, aids, or adapted techniques, or driver rehabilitation training. The specialist may also recommend transportation planning to help older drivers retire from driving, and/or explore alternatives to driving.

Learn more at: www.transportation.ohio.gov/OlderDrivers

How often do I need to renew my driver's license as a senior?

Drivers age 65 or over must renew their Ohio Driver License every four years. Drivers age 65 or over are not eligible to apply for a license that expires in eight years. You can find details at:

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Where can I get my driving evaluated?

You can get your driving evaluated by a Driver Rehabilitation Specialist. Your physician can make a referral. Or you or a family member can schedule your evaluation directly. You can locate a Driver Rehabilitation Specialist in your area and schedule an evaluation by downloading a list at transportation.ohio.gov/OlderDrivers, or searching on the Association for Driving Rehabilitation Specialists' website at <http://www.aded.net>.



Are there any driving classes available for seniors?

There are free and low-cost driving classes and educational programs available online and in person for seniors across Ohio. These include CarFit events, AARP classes, and AAA classes.

CarFit — CarFit is a free educational program developed by AARP and the American Occupational Therapy Association. At a CarFit event, you'll get information and resources on how you can enhance your comfort, safety, and fit in your driver's seat from trained experts. A proper fit in your vehicle can greatly increase your safety as a driver and the safety of others. Find CarFit events at Car-Fit.org.

AARP — The AARP Smart Driver Course is designed especially for drivers age 50 and older. Smart Driver courses cost \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. It is a four-hour course. Learn more at aarp.org/drive.

AAA — AAA Club Alliance offers a two-day, in-person Roadwise Driver for Seniors Class at AAA Club Alliance, 90 E. Wilson Bridge Rd., Worthington, OH 43085. Call 614-431-7888 to learn more and find out about upcoming classes.



Why are they putting in so many roundabouts everywhere, even though I do not like them and try to avoid them?

Roundabouts increase safety for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists. They reduce fatal and serious injury crashes; improve travel times; and cut fuel consumption.

Looking at the 60 single-lane roundabouts ODOT has installed since 2013, fatal and injury crashes were reduced by 70%, and total crashes were reduced by 40%.

Roundabouts increase safety by reducing the severity of crashes because vehicles are traveling more slowly. Additionally, rear-end and sideswipe crashes are more common in roundabouts, which tend to be less severe crash types than T-bone angle crashes. Roundabouts improve pedestrian safety by reducing crossing lengths and slowing vehicle traffic.

Learn more at: [https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/roundabouts](http://www.transportation.ohio.gov/roundabouts).



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I had cataract surgery several years ago and have not been back to the eye doctor since then. Do I need to go even though I think that I see just fine?

Your primary health care provider can give you medical advice about whether and when you need to see an eye doctor. Keep in mind that passing an eye screening is a required part of renewing your Ohio driver's license. Ohioans who are 65 and older are required to renew their driver's licenses every four years.

Get more details at: www.bmv.ohio.gov/dl-renewal-current.aspx.



Why do I see so many young people not following the rules of the road, even though I thought they all had to take driver education before they could get a license?

The Ohio legislature recently updated the laws related to driver education. As of September 30, 2025, all new drivers under age 21 must complete 24 hours of in-classroom education and 8 hours of behind-the-wheel training at a licensed driver training school. They are also required to complete 50 hours of supervised driving, including at least 10 hours of night driving, before taking the driving and skills test to get a license.

Learn more about driver education and licensing for minors at: www.bmv.ohio.gov/dl-gdl.aspx.

Additional resources for new drivers and their families are available at: teachyourteentodrive.ohio.gov.



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