

Senior Driving Assessment

Rider/ Assessor _____ **Date** _____ **Time** _____

If you are concerned about an older driver's safety on the road, the best way to evaluate his or her driving ability is to ride along. Use the checklist below to record your observations **after** (not during) your ride. If you can, ask several people to take rides at different times of the day.

✓	Comments/Notes	
	Ran a red light	
	Ignored or misinterpreted traffic lights, stop signs, yield signs	
	Did not appear to notice other vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles or road hazards	
	Had a near miss	
	Had difficulty physically while driving (did not look over shoulder or to the rear when appropriate, or had trouble turning the wheel.)	
	Did not look or yield when pulling out of parking space or driveway	
	Crossed into other lanes when driving straight	
	Drove too close to the car ahead	
	Did not stay in lane when turning	
	Drove aggressively	
	Drove too slowly	
	Stopped inappropriately	

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	Did not signal correctly	
	Did not anticipate potential danger or changing traffic conditions (slowing down when brake lights appeared ahead)	
	Ran over a curb	
	Asked passengers whether the road was clear	
	Became frustrated or irritated	
	Appeared confused or frightened	
	Parked inappropriately	

If you checked any of the six items in the "Red Zone" your older driver should be prevented from driving, at least temporarily while you further investigate.

1. Have your older driver's vision and hearing tested
2. Schedule a complete physical examination where the doctor will pay particular attention to physical reflexes and any medications which might be contributing to confusion or drowsiness.
3. If you are certain that your driver is a danger behind the wheel and should not be driving, as a last resort you can make a report to the Medical Advisory Board of the Texas Department of Public Safety. Anyone can make a report, including physicians, family, friends, and acquaintances. Your report must be in writing. In your report you must identify the Texas driver with full name and date of birth or Texas driver license number.

These reports may be kept confidential, unless the subject requests the document through an open records request. All records are subject to becoming open records if the person requests an administrative hearing, which is unlikely but not impossible.

Send your written concern to Texas Department of Public Safety
 PO Box 4087
 Austin, TX 78773-0320
 Attention: Driver Improvement Bureau

For more information visit the [Texas Department of Public Safety website](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver_licensing_control/dic.htm) at http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver_licensing_control/dic.htm