

# 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

[www.mva.maryland.gov/Police/](http://www.mva.maryland.gov/Police/)

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

[www.mva.maryland.gov/DriverSafety](http://www.mva.maryland.gov/DriverSafety)

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