

Report of a Condition Affecting Fitness and Ability to Drive

Fact Sheet For Medical Professionals

Why Report:

[Section 230 of the Motor Vehicle Act \(MVA\)](#)

requires that psychologists, optometrists, medical and nurse practitioners report to RoadSafetyBC any patient who has a medical condition that makes it dangerous for them to drive and who continues to drive after being warned.

Reporting patients who may have a medical condition that puts themselves or the public at risk ensures that their fitness to drive is assessed or their driver's licence status is reviewed.

When to Report:

Please report when you have any doubts about your patient's ability to drive safely. This may be the result of a condition causing persistent functional impairment or a condition that may result in episodic incapacitation. Some examples include:

- cognitive decline and dementia
- cerebrovascular accident (CVA)
- uncontrolled seizures
- uncontrolled sleep apnea
- patients with diabetes experiencing hypoglycemic events

You can find a chart with more high-level examples as well as [detailed information and resources for medical professionals](#) on the RoadSafetyBC website.

Please note, transient conditions should not be reported (e.g.: after effects of surgery, fractures, concussions, eye surgery).

How to Report:

When making licensing decisions, RoadSafetyBC must review all information on the driver's file (including other reports, driving record, etc.) in an administratively fair manner.

Completing this [REPORT](#) to the fullest extent possible will assist RoadSafetyBC in making a timely licensing decision. Please provide as much detail as possible about your concern (i.e. diagnosis, level of severity, associated symptoms, acute/chronic, if the condition is likely to improve, prognosis, treatment compliance, tests/assessments, specialist reports, etc.).

RoadSafetyBC acknowledges that reporting may challenge clinician-patient relationships; feel free to remind patients that the decision is made by RoadSafetyBC, and they can have any questions answered by calling: 1-855-387-7747.

What happens after I report?

If you have provided your fax number on the [REPORT](#) in the prescribed area, you will receive confirmation that the report has been received.

Once received, your report will be reviewed to determine if additional information is required or if a licensing decision should be made. A letter will then be sent to your patient outlining the information considered in the decision or requesting further information. If your patient's licence is cancelled they will be advised in the letter what information is required in order to review that decision.

Health Care Professionals needing more information may call (250) 953-8612 to speak with a Registered Nurse Case Manager in the Driver Medical Fitness Program.