

Older Drivers (as of 2/18/17)

Putting Assistive Technology to Work for Older Drivers

Active safety systems are increasingly being added to cars, warning drivers of impending danger and in some cases, taking action to avert it. Helping seniors leverage these new technologies so they remain mobile longer is critical since older adults who stop driving are two times more likely to suffer from depression and five times more likely to enter a long-term care facility compared to those who continue to drive. Fortunately, the technology that makes cars safer for everyone is arriving just in time to benefit aging motorists. Explore what resources are available to help older drivers understand and benefit from this new assistive technology and select vehicles that are best suited to their age and abilities.

The New Driving Impairment: Understanding & Compensating for the Conditions That Affect Aging Drivers

America's love affair with the automobile has given us enormous personal mobility and independence. Today's drivers have strong expectations that they will continue to enjoy the freedom and convenience of driving well into old age. But older drivers' desire to drive isn't always supported by the ability to do so safely. Functional impairments and medical conditions associated with aging can seriously impair an individual's performance behind the wheel. Learn how advocates and experts describe these conditions, their frequency, the dangers, and what can be done to minimize and compensate for the cognitive, physical, visual and medication impairments that are increasingly common as we age.

Safe at Every Age: Driving Longer Safely

We are living longer and staying more active than past generations. Since driving is the primary form of transportation for most older Americans and conditions that can impair safe driving as we age become more common, programs that help to assess, educate and accommodate older drivers are more important than ever before. Explore the research, programs, and tools that can keep older drivers safe on the road by equipping stakeholders in older driver transportation with the needed resources.

Transportation & Aging: What Community Stakeholders Need to Know

Issues of safe transportation for older adults are multifaceted, and multiple perspectives must be sought if significant progress is to be made in the next decade as baby-boomers continue to age. Law enforcement, health care and senior services providers, and family members each play a major role in how long we can continue to drive safely. Understanding these roles is the first step to fulfilling them. Delve into the driver preparedness, enforcement, counseling, documentation, driving cessation, as well as stakeholder training content that benefits each group.