

COST OF OPERATING A VEHICLE

Automobile associations estimate that it costs about \$600 per month to operate a vehicle.

This money can be used to pay for alternative transportation when you cease driving.

Here's how to calculate how much money you will have available.

Costs of Driving	Total
Monthly Car Loan Payment _____ x 12	\$
Monthly fuel costs _____ x 12	\$
Monthly parking costs _____ x 12	\$
Monthly car insurance premium _____ x 12	\$
Annual registration & licence costs	\$
Annual car maintenance costs	\$
Annual repair / replacement costs	\$
Annual roadside assistance costs	\$
Vehicle value if sold	\$
Total available for transport budget	\$

The Unthinkable Can Happen

Medical conditions affecting mental abilities increase the risk of crash up to 7 times

Older drivers are 17 times more likely to be killed

Most crashes of medically impaired drivers endanger other road users

GETTING IN TOUCH

Safety Concerns Everyone

Drivers with cognitive impairment are over seven times more likely to cause a crash.

This is 50% higher than for alcohol impaired drivers with a blood alcohol level of 0.08

DriveABLE™ is the only driving assessment based on award winning university research

The science behind DriveABLE™ ensures that the assessment is objective & fair for drivers of any age & for both urban & rural drivers.

DriveABLE™ provides an accurate, arms length decision, reducing the emotional burden for families & caregivers.

Call DriveABLE™ for referral assistance

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Worried About Someone's Driving?



**DRIVING SKILLS
CAN CHANGE**

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Reducing the burden by
providing objective answers

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Driven by Research



Medical conditions can cause even the best driver to become unsafe.

- Medical conditions can affect people at any age, but they are more likely to occur as we age.
- Many medical conditions such as Alzheimer Disease, Heart Disease, and Diabetes all can affect driving abilities.
- Medications can seriously affect the ability to drive safely.
- Even when no single condition is severe, several conditions can combine to make the person unsafe to drive.

Everyone agrees: When a person is unsafe to drive, that person must stop driving. The problem is knowing when to stop.



If there is a decline in the ability to do everyday tasks, or if there is memory loss, poor judgment, indecisiveness, disorientation or loss of strength, flexibility or balance, it is time to determine if these changes are affecting driving.

Drivers who lack insight into their driving difficulties can strongly resist attempts to have them stop driving. Discussions may help, but more direct intervention may be necessary.

The best way to know is to have a fair and accurate driving assessment.

The DriveABLE™ assessment is scientifically developed and validated through award winning university research.

The assessment is specifically for experienced drivers with medical conditions that affect mental abilities. Drivers with physical disabilities requiring minor vehicle modification also may be accepted.

The assessment is equally fair for urban and rural drivers.

DriveABLE™'s science protects those drivers who remain competent to drive from being falsely identified.

DriveABLE™ is an unbiased and objective evaluation. The assessment provides the answer for the sensitive and difficult driving issue facing many families.

WHEN A DISCUSSION ABOUT DRIVING IS NECESSARY

1. Be Prepared

- Make a list of safety and medical concerns.
- Explore legal concerns and licensing requirements.
- Calculate the "Cost of Driving" (see form in this brochure).
- Plan for future transportation needs.
- Obtain information about where to have a driving assessment (www.driveable.com).
- Plan early, especially if illness is progressive.

2. Be Strategic

- Consider family dynamics; some family members may not acknowledge the problem.
- Decide who would be best to raise the topic.
- Be aware that the driver may lack insight about driving problems.
- Expect resistance. Find out what driving means to the person.
- Remain positive, focus on what you can do.
- Be sensitive but resolved.

3. Open the Discussion

- When appropriate, acknowledge the driver's past driving record.
- Note that things have changed.
- Blame the medical condition, not the person.
- Discuss the implications of having a crash.
- Be responsive to the driver's concerns.
- Focus on the need for a driving assessment.
- Address future transportation issues.