

# Driving Legislation for Medical Conditions

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## How does the Driver's License Medical Records Section find out about drivers with medical conditions?

Physicians and optometrists are required by law to report drivers whose medical conditions may affect their ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.

Information regarding drivers' medical conditions are received primarily from physicians and optometrists, law enforcement officers, driver testing/licencing offices, concerned family members and from driver licence applications.

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## Can a physician or optometrist suspend someone's driver licence?

Physicians and optometrists provide medical information to the Division of Driver and Vehicle Licencing and sometimes make recommendations about a patient's ability to drive. Driver and Vehicle Licencing is then responsible for taking driver licencing action once medical information is received.

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## What about senior drivers? Are they required to be retested or to file medical reports?

Manitoba does not require class 5 drivers to complete medical reports or driver tests based on age.

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## Can a suspension be appealed?

Government of Manitoba website reference: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/boards/medical.html>

### Driver's License Appeal Process

#### Mandate

The Medical Review Committee provides an appeal process in cases where a person's driver's licence has been suspended, cancelled or refused on medical grounds. In making their decisions, the Committee must ensure that in all cases the safety of the general public is considered above the exceptional hardship that will result if the suspension, cancellation or refusal to issue a licence remains in effect.

#### Activities

The Medical Review Committee conducts hearings and determines whether the standards, as set out by The Canadian Medical Association and The National Safety Code, are applied in a fair and equitable manner and whether an exception to the rule may be made. The Committee may confirm, quash or vary the decision of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

#### Medical Review Committee Members (2009)

- General Practitioner, Chair
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- Cardiologist
- Optometrist
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If you would like more information regarding Driving Legislation for people with epilepsy/seizure disorder, please feel free to contact:

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