

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

Medical Condition / Driving

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on Medical Condition / Driving s.343 a proposed guidance document.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website:

<https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DMV134>

2. Mailing written comments to:

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WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at wisconsin.dot.gov to allow for ongoing comment.

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How does your medical condition affect driving?

Driving is complex. In order to maintain a license in the state of Wisconsin, a driver must be functionally able to safely operate a motor vehicle. A driver's physical, mental and emotional health are all important factors in assessing this functional ability to drive. Health problems can affect the skill and judgment required to drive safely. DMV has a responsibility to evaluate drivers with potentially debilitating health issues to ensure that the drivers licensed in this state are safe to operate their vehicles.

Why would the DMV be interested in your medical condition?

Medical conditions can cause symptoms that interfere with a person's functional ability to drive safely. Examples of such symptoms include:

- Loss of consciousness
- Confusion, memory loss, inability to concentrate
- Impaired judgment and insight
- Severe shortness of breath
- Chronic drowsiness or extreme exhaustion
- Impaired response/reaction time
- Adverse effects or side effects of medications
- Impulsive behaviors
- Inadequate vision
- Abuse of alcohol and other drugs

To ensure roadway safety, DMV may review a driver's medical condition as part of licensing. DMV may require a driver to provide a Medical Examination Report [MV3644](#) or a Certificate of Vision Examination by Competent Authority [MV3030V](#), take the signs, [knowledge](#) and/or [skills](#) tests, or any combination of these.

- [What happens after you provide a medical examination report to the DMV?](#)
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