December 2 Kick-Off:


Older Driver Safety Awareness Week begins December 2. Residents are invited to explore a different topic day related to aging and driving. This is great information to share with your family, friends and professionals in your community. Visit Michigan.gov/AgingDriver.

Today marks the beginning of “Older Driver Safety Awareness Week.” In Michigan, drivers age 65 and older represent the fastest growing segment of the state’s population. Aging drivers and mobility is an important topic to bring up and discuss among family members. For tips go to Michigan.gov/AgingDriver.

AARP Participate in Older Driver Safety Awareness Week starting Dec. 2 by attending a driver safety course, or other event near you!

Monday: Anticipating Changes That Can Affect Driving
It’s Older Driver Safety Awareness Week! Learn how to stay active, independent and connected to your community, even beyond the driver’s seat! Find resources at Michigan.Gov/AgingDriver.

We all experience physical and mental changes as we age. Some maybe minor while others may interfere with daily life. Slower reaction time, night blindness, and pain and stiffness can affect driving skills but do not need to prohibit driving.

**Tuesday: Family Conversations**

Plan for a safe transition from driving during Older Driver Safety Awareness Week, Dec. 2–6. Try a mode beyond the driver’s seat. Visit Michigan.Gov/AgingDriver to find more transit options!

**Wednesday: Screening and Evaluations**

Checking an aging driver’s fitness is important because driving requires complex physical, visual and cognitive abilities. Learn more at Michigan.gov/AgingDriver.

**Thursday: Interventions That Can Empower Drivers and Families**
Be proactive with your safe driving skills by signing up to take AAA’s Mature Driver Improvement Course or AARP’s Smart Driver Course during Older Driver Safety Awareness Week, Dec. 2–6.

Did you know that Adaptive Equipment (such as hand controls, pedal extenders, swing-out seat, etc.) can be effective tools to keep aging drivers behind the wheel? Learn more at Michigan.gov/AgingDriver.

Friday: Staying Engaged in the Community with or Without a Car

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Losing the ability to drive safely does NOT have to mean losing your independence. There are several options for aging drivers to continue to get out of the house without getting behind the wheel. Read more at Michigan.gov/AgingDriver.

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Visit Safe Drivers Smart Options at Michigan.Gov/AgingDriver for transportation safety resources for aging drivers.