

Quick Guide to Reporting Unfit Drivers in BC

WHEN to report

As per [Section 230](#) of the BC Motor Vehicle Act:

Definitely unfit to drive	+	Continues to drive after being warned not to	=	REQUIRED to report
Imminent danger to self/others <i>(e.g. intoxicated patient leaving the ED in a car)</i>	+	Definitely will drive	=	REQUIRED to report
Potentially unfit to drive	+	May or may not continue to drive	=	MAY report
Imminent danger to self/others	+	Suspected drive	to =	MAY report

-No action for damages may be brought against the physician unless the report was made falsely and maliciously.

-It is NOT obligatory to inform the patient that you are reporting them.

WHO to report

Any patient whose ability to drive safely you question.

DO report	DON'T report
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Conditions causing persistent functional impairment✓ Conditions that cause episodic incapacitation✓ Cognitive decline and dementia✓ Cerebrovascular accident (CVA) with lasting deficits✓ Uncontrolled psychiatric conditions impacting judgement✓ Uncontrolled seizures✓ Patients with diabetes experiencing frequent hypoglycemic events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ Temporary conditions✗ Short-term after effects of surgery✗ Fractures✗ Concussions✗ Eye surgery

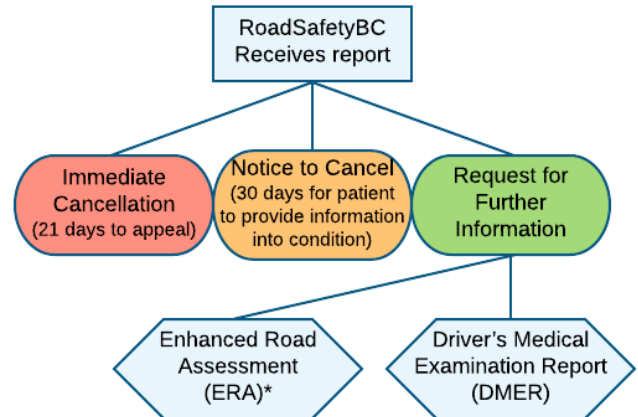
You can find the complete list of conditions [here](#).

HOW to discuss this with the patient

Remind patients that:

- Their condition is a safety concern for themselves & others.
- There are alternatives to driving (transit, taxis).
- Decisions about their driver's license are made by RoadSafetyBC.
- They can exchange their licence for a free [BC Identification Card](#).
- They can find more information and resources on the [RoadSafetyBC website](#) or by calling **1-855-387-7747**.

WHAT happens to patients after I report?



*Please note ERA has replaced DriveABLE and is free. For more information click [here](#).

WHERE can I get more information?

- Visit the RoadSafety BC website under [Driver Medical Fitness Information for Medical Professionals](#).
- Email: RoadSafetyBC@gov.bc.ca
- Review RoadSafetyBC's [powerpoint](#) with key resources for medical professionals.

Other links:

- [Reporting Form](#)
- [Medical Examination Form \(DMER\)](#)
- [Fact Sheet for Medical Professionals on Reporting](#)
- [Driver Examination Process Flowsheet](#)
- [CMA Driver's Guide](#) (for CMA members only)

Cognitive Tests

- [SIMARD MD](#)
- [MMSE](#)
- [MoCA](#)
- [Trail Making Tests A and B](#)

HOW to make a report

Fill out the [Reporting Form](#) and send to RoadSafetyBC

Either by fax: **250-952-6888**, or mail:

PO Box 9254, Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9J2

RoadSafetyBC physician help line: 250-953-8612

Speak to a Nurse Case Manager in the Driver Medical Fitness Program for help with reporting