

## COST OF OPERATING A VEHICLE

Automobile Associations estimate that it costs about \$600 a month to operate a motor vehicle. That money can be used to pay for alternative transportation. Here is how to calculate how much money will be available.

COSTS OF DRIVING	TOTALS
Monthly vehicle payment _____ x 12 =	\$
Monthly gas and oil costs _____ x 12 =	\$
Monthly parking costs _____ x 12 =	\$
Auto Insurance	\$
Registration / licence costs	\$
Yearly car maintenance	\$
Annual ticket and accident costs	\$
Vehicle value if it is sold	\$
<b>Total Available</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

### The Unthinkable CAN Happen!

- Medical conditions affecting mental abilities increase the risk of a crash by 2 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 7 times more likely to cause a crash.**

This is 50% higher than for alcohol-impaired drivers with a blood alcohol level of .08

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

The science ensures the assessment is objective and fair for drivers of any age and for both urban and rural drivers.

DriveABLE™ provides an accurate, arms length decision, reducing the emotional burden for families and 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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Assessing the  
Medically At-Risk Driver

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](http://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.