Below, you will find sample articles detailing the issue of aging and mobility and promoting resources that are available on the SDSO website, Michigan.gov/AgingDriver. Additional materials such as the SDSO logo, fact sheet, images, and speaking points, visit [Michigan.gov/AgingDriver](http://www.Michigan.gov/agingdriver) and select “About Us”.

1. Older Driver Safety Awareness Week is Dec. 2-6! In Michigan, drivers ages 65 and older represent the fastest-growing segment of the state’s population. Aging drivers and mobility are important topics to discuss among family members. Some [conversation starters](https://www.michigan.gov/agingdriver/0,5948,7-341-72510_74496---,00.html) can be found on the Safe Drivers Smart Options website [Michigan.gov/AgingDriver](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMDkuMzE4MjIxNTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwOi8vd3d3Lk1pY2hpZ2FuLmdvdi9BZ2luZ0RyaXZlciJ9.PbO2CsCbJ-YYwt2EX7pn7TqpBXnyGf_YU3OX2OLOLZQ%2Fs%2F1166519079%2Fbr%2F91407865636-l&data=04%7C01%7Cheilerp%40michigan.gov%7Cb63a575b02314aa0bf3e08d89c78c120%7Cd5fb7087377742ad966a892ef47225d1%7C0%7C0%7C637431389732319748%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=pg5KvXNsR0dNKSeIWrDVlmTytLSxgiYc9xzlwqcPQAE%3D&reserved=0)**.**

Keeping an aging family member safe on the road without compromising their independence and mobility is essential to maintaining a thriving, engaged life. The Safe Drivers Smart Options (SDSO) website is designed for aging drivers, their families and friends, and the professionals who care for them. Visit [Michigan.gov/AgingDriver](http://www.michigan.gov/AgingDriver) for information, resources, and programs to help keep Michigan’s aging population safe and mobile.

1. Older Driver Safety Awareness Week is Dec. 2-6! Driving is a skill you've spent a lifetime on. It’s one that requires good physical and mental abilities, and quick reactions.

As we age, we experience changes that can change the way we drive. But you don’t have to compromise your independence or mobility – there are smart options for safe drivers as they age. Visit [Michigan.gov/AgingDriver](http://www.michigan.gov/AgingDriver) for tips on how to:

1) stay active and safe behind the wheel,  
2) decide when it may be time to transition  
     to non-driving, and  
3) find alternative transportation options.

1. Older Driver Safety Awareness Week is Dec. 2-6! Your independence is vital…and driving is a vital skill to get you where you want. Maintain lifelong safe mobility is everyone's responsibility, including families, friends, and professionals who interact with aging adults. Your goal - and ours - is your safe, lifelong mobility!

Safe Drivers Smart Options provides resources for active older drivers, and for drivers who may be considering limiting their driving and finding other transportation choices. Visit [Michigan.gov/AgingDriver](http://www.michigan.gov/AgingDriver) for information, resources, and programs to help keep Michigan’s aging population safe and mobile.

1. Older Driver Safety Awareness Week is Dec. 2-6! Over 1.8 million licensed drivers in Michigan are 65 years old or older, representing 25% of Michigan’s driving population.

Older Michigan residents want to maintain their independence, and for many that means continuing to drive. By using smart self-management techniques to review their driving skills, older drivers can keep driving longer while limiting risks to themselves and others.

Michigan's Guide for Aging Drivers and Their Families was developed to improve older-driver safety by providing aging drivers as well as their families and caregivers with information about the licensing process, resources that help maintain safe driving, suggest alternative transportation options and more. The guide instructs aging drivers on how best to maintain their driver's license for as long as it is safe for them and others on the road.

To view or download a free copy of the guide, visit the Safe Drivers Smart Options (SDSO) website at [Michigan.gov/AgingDriver](https://www.michigan.gov/agingdriver/0,5948,7-341-74503-335077--,00.html)

1. Older Driver Safety Awareness Week is Dec. 2-6!

We all want our aging family members and friends to stay safely mobile whether they are driving, thinking about giving up the keys, or using other forms of transportation. The Safe Drivers Smart Options (SDSO) website offers tips and resources to help the families and friends of aging adults keep them driving safely, assist them in retiring from driving, and locate other sources of transportation to help maintain mobility.

Visit Michigan.gov/AgingDriver for information on how to help aging drivers in your life. Check out the website for information on driving self-assessments for aging drivers, addressing health concerns, the process for confidentially referring a driver for a driver reexamination, and how to start a conversation about giving up the car keys and designing a plan for lifelong mobility.

1. Older Driver Safety Awareness Week is Dec. 2-6! Talking to a loved one about giving up the car keys is difficult. The Safe Drivers Smart Options (SDSO) website offers tips and resources to help the families and friends of aging adults keep them driving safely, assist them in retiring from driving, and locate other sources of transportation to help maintain mobility. Visit [Michigan.gov/AgingDriver](http://www.michigan.gov/AgingDriver) for guidance on initiating the conversation and following through to find answers to help maintain the aging driver's mobility and independence.