

20 Warning Signs of Unsafe Driving

Many people with mild cognitive impairment continue to drive safely — often for years. Talk with your family and your doctor, and make the decision that's right for you.

But watch for indications that your driving skills are beginning to slip. Here are some common warning signs. Keep an eye out for them, and share them with your loved ones. They may notice a problem before you do.



1. Failing to obey a stop sign or yield sign
2. Driving at a speed well below the speed limit
3. Becoming agitated or confused while driving
4. Frequently bumping the curb while making turns
5. Drifting out of your lane
6. Being unable to tell when it's your turn to go at a four-way stop
7. Hitting the brake when you meant to hit the gas pedal or vice versa
8. Forgetting how to get to a familiar destination
9. Being unable to remember where you're going while you're driving there
10. Returning home much later than expected from a routine trip
11. Stopping well short of a stop sign or traffic light
12. Noticing that other motorists are frequently honking at you
13. Forgetting to use turn signals or using the wrong turn signal
14. Running out of gas
15. Having a fender-bender or noticing unexplained dents or scrapes on the vehicle
16. Side-swiping bushes or running over a flower bed while backing out of the driveway
17. Not remembering how to use your cruise control or your windshield wipers
18. Difficulty parking between the lines in a parking lot
19. Getting a traffic ticket when you've previously had a good driving record
20. Realizing that you're going the wrong way on a one-way street