At Risk Driver Program

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A partnership between Alzheimer Society of Durham Region (ASDR) and Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS)

Background: In September 2001 ASDR attended a community consultative session with DRPS and issues of driving and dementia were discussed. Committee meetings followed and after a two year period, in October 2003, the At Risk Driver Program was launched as a partnership between ASDR and DRPS.

The At Risk Driver Program....

A local program which provides care partners an opportunity to strengthen the safety net for the person with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia whose licence has been revoked, yet continues to drive.



Goals of the program:

- To reduce the incidence of cognitively impaired drivers who continue to drive after their licence is revoked
- Provide an option and safety net for care partners who are concerned should the person continue to drive
- To provide DRPS with necessary information to effectively assist individuals
- To increase community awareness of dementia and driving issues

Level One - Supportive Counselling and Education:

- Concern is expressed by care partner to ASDR about the person with dementia whose licence has been revoked yet they continue to drive
- ASDR provides support, education, and discusses tips and strategies to address the issues

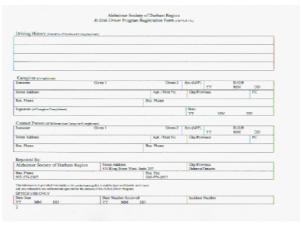
Level Two-Complete registration form:

- ASDR provides information on the At Risk Driver program
- If deemed appropriate, a Registration Form is completed

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- ASDR staff contact DRPS and forward the completed registration
- DRPS, Records Management, processes the registration form as a Police Information Report-General Incident
- DRPS, Records Management contact ASDR staff by telephone with an incident number
- A confirmation letter is sent to care partner(s)

Level Three.... Identification of At Risk Driver (Special Interest to Police)

- Should the police stop the driver, on Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC), the cognitively impaired driver is identified as "Special Interest to Police"
- Police access information and contact care partners listed on the contact list
- Care partner is responsible to assist the police and deal with the vehicle
- ASDR provides on-going support and information/ community referral

Outcomes.....

- In 2006-07 Family Support Services supported over 1000 clients. Driving and dementia are very important and difficult issues for a significant # of clients, however when informed of the At Risk Driver program only a minimal # register.
- In 2003 ASDR submitted a proposal to participate in police block training and highlight the At Risk Driver and Safely Home (SH) Programs. ASDR did not participate in on-site block training however police officers received information via *E-Parade* as well as a *Refresher* follow-up release which was on the DRPS computer system for approx 2 weeks. ASDR provides officers with information packages and support on dementia, SH and the At Risk Driver Program on an as needed basis.
- Durham Region Senior Safe Driving Coalition this coalition has representation from Durham Region Police, Public Health Department, Min of Transportation, driver improvement programs, Alzheimer Society of Durham Region, etc. ASDR's presence helps to raise awareness of driving and dementia issues/the At Risk Driver Program.

Further Information

For more information about the At Risk Driver Program please call us!

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At Risk Driver Program