# DVS is made aware of At Risk Drivers by:

- Medical community
  - Driving Assessments
- Family
- Neighbors
- Law Enforcement
- Courts



# What you should know:

- Doctors are protected under statute 171.131 from liability, civil or criminal if they report a person that isn't physically qualified to drive.
- Family members are protected under the Department of Public Safety's data privacy act. DVS will not give out their information to the driver unless ordered by the courts.
- Anyone else DVS has to give out the information to the driver.

# Once DVS receives information, action taken can be:

- Cancel privileges
  - Only from doctor
- Set up for an evaluation interview
  - Usually seen within 2-3 weeks

## **Evaluation Interview**

#### **Meeting with a Driver Evaluator:**

- Involves a review of medical history
- A review of the driver's driving record
- Reviews reported information with the driver
- Performs a short screening of driving laws
- May discuss with family, if available

## Decision:

- Evaluator may require:
  - Vision statement
  - Physician statement
  - Knowledge test
  - Road test

Driver is given 30 days to comply

# Vision Requirements

#### **To Qualify For License:**

- Visual acuity of 20/40 or better, with either one usable eye or with both eyes, with or without corrective lenses
- Visual field of 105 degrees or greater in the horizontal diameter with either one usable eye or with both eyes

## Vision Restrictions

#### When Vision Acuity Is:

- 20/50 = Maximum speed 55 mph
- 20/60 = Maximum speed 50 mph
- 20/70 = Maximum speed 45 mph
  - No freeway, expressway or limited access highway with a speed limit of more than 45 mph

## Other Restrictions

## In Addition To Restricted Speeds:

- Certain roads
- Area limitations
- Daylight only
- Additional mirrors



# Physician Statement

Is driver medically qualified to drive?

#### **Possible Restrictions:**

- Daylight Only
- No Freeways
- Distance allowed
- Miles per hour
- Certain roads
- Adaptive equipment



# Vision & Physician Statements

 When required, the vision statement and/or physician's statement must be submitted before Road Test is administered.

# Knowledge Test

### Purpose:

 To evaluate a driver's knowledge and understanding of Minnesota traffic laws and road signs.

## **Road Test**

### **Driver is evaluated on:**

- Obeying rules of the road
- Ability to drive a motor vehicle safely under normal traffic conditions
- Awareness of risks and proper reactions
- Ability to use good observation skills

# **Equipment Demonstration**

#### Locate and demonstrate the operation of:

- Seat adjustment
- Seat belt
- Emergency (4-Way) flashers
- Windshield wipers
- Headlights Low beam and High beam
- Parking (Emergency) Brake
- Defroster & Fan controls
- Horn
- Mirror Adjustment
- Proof of Vehicle Insurance



## **Road Test**

#### Process:

- Test attempts & fees
- Driver Training Requirement
- Area Special Test
- Cancellation
- Provide suggestions for alternate modes of transportation