Checklist for Older Drivers

This checklist covers safety considerations for older drivers.

- *Part I lists points seniors should review when considering continued driving.*
- *Part II covers points seniors should evaluate when considering reduced driving.*

Part I: Checkpoints for Continued Driving

Notes: _____

- ❑ Driver license current?
- ❑ Vision and corrective lenses adequate for driving, including night driving?
- ❑ Hearing adequate?
- ❑ Senior safe driver course completed within prior 24 months?
- ❑ Insurance coverage adequate?
- ❑ Insurance premiums paid?
- ❑ Car(s) properly licensed?
- ❑ Car(s) in good working order?
  - ❑ brakes
  - ❑ engine idle
  - ❑ accelerator linkage
  - ❑ seatbelts
  - ❑ tires
  - ❑ brake pedal, accelerator pedal, and floor mats
  - ❑ mirrors properly adjusted?
- ❑ Possible additional safety equipment:
  - ❑ center-mounted brake light
  - ❑ backup warning buzzer
  - ❑ emergency kit
- ❑ Automobile club membership?

Part II: Checkpoints for Reduced Use of Car

- ❑ Driver comfort—do physical limitations make driving uncomfortable or unsafe?
- ❑ Driver stress—are you anxious or confused while driving?
- ❑ Driver performance—have there been recent moving violations or accidents?
- ❑ Car costs—do total automobile expenses (insurance, license, upkeep, gas, parking) exceed costs of other alternatives?
- ❑ Possible driving modifications:
  - ❑ no night driving
  - ❑ no rush hour driving
  - ❑ no freeway driving
  - ❑ no driving in snow or dangerous conditions
  - ❑ combine use of car and bus (park-and-ride)
  - ❑ ride sharing
- ❑ Alternatives to continued driving:
  - ❑ senior transit pass
  - ❑ community vans
  - ❑ taxi coupons
  - ❑ home delivered products—groceries, prescriptions, etc.
  - ❑ increased use of telephone and e-mail
  - ❑ use of chore service workers or volunteers for errands

Notes: _____

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