



# *SENIOR DRIVERS:* **DID YOU KNOW?**

By the year 2030, **70 million Americans** will be  
**65 or older** and approximately **80%**  
of this population will likely be **driving themselves\***.

## **IACP's** **Alzheimer's** **INITIATIVES**

*SAFEGUARDING THE MATURING POPULATION*

Approximately 1 in 8 people  
over the age of 65 have  
Alzheimer's disease\*.

**Never just give directions or let the person go if they seem disorientated or confused—they may not realize they are lost.**

### Signs of unsafe driving:

- Forgetting familiar places
- Slow or poor decisions in traffic
- Inappropriate speeds
- Disoriented/distracted
- Vague and evasive when questioned
- Faulty judgment such as:
  - Over-reacting
  - Problems exiting/merging into traffic
  - Driving on the wrong side of the road
  - Missing traffic signs

### Steps to take:

1. ALWAYS WRITE A CITATION  
(Establishes a record and possible need for driver re-evaluation)
2. Ask additional questions to make assessment of driver's condition
  - IACP's Identifying & Evaluating the At-Risk Adult Visor Card
3. Submit a Driver Re-Examination Form
4. Ensure a safe transit home
5. Interventions with caregiver, recommend:
  - Person with Alzheimer's disease to "retire" from driving
  - Controlling access to car keys
  - Disabling or selling vehicle

**For more information and helpful links to dementia and driving, please visit: [www.theiacp.org/alzheimers](http://www.theiacp.org/alzheimers).**

*To request additional postcards for your department, please email [alzheimers@theiacp.org](mailto:alzheimers@theiacp.org).*

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