

Driving after head injury or surgery

All drivers are required by law to notify the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) of the onset or worsening of any medical condition which might affect their ability to drive safely, including eyesight problems. It is an offence to drive if you cannot read a number plate at 67 feet (20 metres) in good daylight.

Medical conditions that the DVLA need to be informed about:

Epilepsy/seizures	Tumours - benign and malignant
Blackouts	Head injury
Narcolepsy	Subarachnoid haemorrhage
Sleep disorders	Cerebral abscess
Multiple Sclerosis	Intracranial haematomas
Parkinson's Disease	Arterio-venous malformation
Cerebrovascular disease	Hydrocephalus
Dementias	Shunts and ICP monitoring
Visual field defects, diplopia	Personality disorder post-head injury

Ask your doctor if you are uncertain which of these relates to you.

If in doubt contact the DVLA at:

Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency
Medical Advisory Group
Longview Road
Swansea SA99 1TU
Tel: 01792 783 798

When you write to the DVLA for information include details of your:

full name

date of birth

driving licence number

as much information about your medical condition as possible.

The DVLA will then contact you and advise you on any alteration to your licence and any time you may be required to stop driving. More information can be obtained in leaflet D100, which is available from your local post office.

Additional information

You also need to ask your doctor if any medications have been prescribed which could affect your ability to drive safely.