



National Blueprint for Injury Prevention in Older Drivers

VISION

Older adults in Canada will utilize driving practices that prevent injury and promote health, well-being and public safety.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- i. Community mobility is integral to older adult health and well-being.
- ii. Older adult rights and public safety are balanced.
- iii. Older drivers are key and involved stakeholders.
- iv. National and regional needs are respected within an integrated and transparent approach that is inclusive of all stakeholders.
- v. Fitness to drive approaches, including injury prevention strategies, are promoted throughout the older driver lifespan.
- vi. Services and resources for older drivers are appropriate and accessible.
- vii. Innovation is fostered, supported, and subject to evaluation.
- viii. Knowledge translation is integral to supporting driving practices that promote health and well-being and prevent injury.

PRIORITY GOALS

1. Engage broad support and partnerships to achieve vision.
2. Provide information to stakeholders regarding older adult safe driving practices, policies and programs, e.g. older drivers and their families, health care professionals, government officials, law enforcement, and the general public.
3. Promote safe driving and mobility options for older adults.
4. Engage policy-makers as partners to advance older driver safety issues.
5. Ensure relevancy and effectiveness of the *Blueprint*.

DIRECTIONS FOR ACTION

- 1a. Seek out opportunities for partnerships to address *Blueprint* goals and directions for action, e.g. engage seniors coalitions to identify and operationalize their potential roles in the *Blueprint*.
- 1b. Recognize and build upon partnership successes.
- 2a. Increase visibility of older driver issues e.g. injury prevention exhibits at conferences for health care professionals.
- 2b. Develop and disseminate evidence-based user-friendly resources and information, e.g. fact sheets regarding the impact of health conditions for driving and provincial licensing requirements.
- 3a. Conduct collaborative research on older driver safety.
- 3b. Build human resource capacity in health care and human services to address gaps in services for older drivers.
- 3c. Develop, implement and evaluate injury prevention programs and services for older drivers, e.g. older driver refresher programs and screening processes for at-risk older drivers using best available evidence.
- 3d. Encourage development, implementation, and evaluation of alternative mobility options.
- 3e. Recommend directions for future research.
- 4a. Provide current and timely information to policy-makers regarding older driver safety issues.
- 4b. Collaborate with decision-makers on policy issues, e.g. tax credits, insurance rebates, driver assessment and conditional licensing, age-friendly communities, and safer roads programs.
- 5a. Align the *Blueprint* with other national, regional and international driving and community mobility initiatives.
- 5b. Validate the *Blueprint* with appropriate stakeholder groups.
- 5c. Monitor the effectiveness of the *Blueprint*.
- 5d. Monitor and revise the *Blueprint* as required in order to ensure relevancy and effectiveness.