

How old is too old to drive?

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Hollywood legend and Danville, Illinois, native Dick Van Dyke is on the mend after a recent car crash left the 97-year-old with some soreness and stitches in his lip. The ordeal has caused some to wonder: how old is too old to be behind the wheel? And how do I broach the topic with my older friend or family member?

TAKE VO

Courtney McFarlin is a primary care provider at OSF HealthCare who specializes in geriatrics. She says there's not one benchmark age where people should stop driving. But typically, McFarlin says caregivers start to bring the subject up to her when their loved one reaches their 80s.

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Courtney McFarlin, OSF HealthCare primary care provider

“Ask yourself: would you feel comfortable with them driving your nine-year-old granddaughter around by themselves? Would you trust that? Do you feel they would be safe? When it becomes personal and they start to think about the safety of someone so dear, it puts it into perspective.” (:21)

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Also let the elder know that other hobbies aren't going away, and their life is just as accomplished.