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DID YOU KNOW?

Drivers 85-years and older are the fastest growing age group as a percentage of Michigan's population and have the highest rate of fatal crashes per miles driven of any age group, including teenagers.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Michigan recently passed a law allowing drivers over 50 years of age to receive discount on their car insurance after completing a driver education course.

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Driving Evaluation, Education & Research Center

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Central Michigan University's Driving Evaluation, Education, and Research (D.E.E.R.) Program provides clinical services for evaluating cognitive fitness to drive and education. We offer services for older drivers, drivers with attention disorders, and persons who have had strokes or brain injuries.

<http://www.deercenter.org>

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the CMU Center for Driving Evaluation, Education, and Research is to provide clinical services to evaluate cognitive fitness to drive, provide education to improve older driver safety, and to conduct research on older drivers and drivers with attention disorders.

TECHNOLOGY

The technologies available through the Virtual Reality Lab at CMU have been assembled to provide a unique blend of educational, research and clinical applications. The DEER Center has the AAA Michigan Driving Simulator for use in research, evaluation and education. The DEER Center leverages these technologies to offer valuable teaching and learning opportunities while offering a much needed benefit to the community.

CENTER ACTIVITIES

The DEER Center is a place where older adults or persons who have had a stroke or sustained a brain injury can come to have their driving ability evaluated to determine if they are safe to continue or resume driving. The Center also offers the AARP Driver Safety Course for older drivers. Finally, the Center is a place supporting multi-disciplinary research on older drivers and persons with brain injuries, stroke, or attention disorders.

ABOUT US

The DEER Center is located in the Health Professions Building on CMU's campus. DEER is a collaboration between the *College of Humanities, Social, and Behavioral Sciences* and the *Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions*. Services are provided through the *Carls Center for Clinical Care and Education*.

Do You Recognize Any of These Warning Signs of Unsafe Driving?

- **Abrupt and "last minute" lane changes, braking, or acceleration**
- **More frequent "close calls" (almost crashing)**
- **Drifting into other lanes**
- **Driving on the wrong side of the road or in the shoulder**
- **Slowed reactions**
- **Confusing the gas pedal with the brake**
- **Feeling more nervous while driving**
- **More conflict on the road, as suggested by outside drivers honking**
- **Oblivious to the frustration of other drivers, not understanding why they are honking**
- **Getting lost more often**
- **Trouble paying attention to road signals and signs**
- **Increased traffic tickets or patrol warnings**

CMU, an AA/EO institution, strongly and actively strives to increase diversity within its community.