

## 4. Driver Improvement and Control Program

The Driver Improvement and Control (DI&C) Program aims to make Manitoba's roads safer for all. It encourages Manitobans to make safe driving behaviour a habit for a lifetime.

### **The DI&C Program strives to:**

- Prevent unsafe driving from becoming a habit.
- Break unsafe driving habits that are already established.

### **Early intervention is key.**

The program can intervene in different ways. How it intervenes depends on the driver and his or her unsafe driving behaviour.

### **Interventions Applying to All Drivers**

- Interventions are based on driver experience and the severity and frequency of the driver's involvement.

The DI&C Program interventions may include:

- Sending you an advisory letter about your driving.
- Sending you a warning letter about your driving.
- Requiring you to complete a driver course.
- Requiring you to attend a Show Cause Hearing.

The possible outcomes from a Show Cause Hearing include:

- A driver's licence suspension.
- Required completion of a driver course or driver examination.
- Further restrictions on your driver's licence.

Drivers who don't complete a required course or exam will have their driver's licence cancelled and their driver's licence charges refunded.

## How it Works

The DI&C Program defines two categories of drivers: *novice* and *experienced*.

A *novice* driver is a driver who has not held a Full Stage driver's licence for more than three years. This includes drivers who hold a Learner or Intermediate Stage licences or are in the first three years of a Full Stage licence under the Graduated Driver Licensing Program (GDL). It also includes learner drivers not under GDL who have never held a Full Stage licence.

An *experienced* driver is a driver who has held a Full Stage driver's licence for at least three years.

Different interventions may apply for novice or experienced drivers, depending on how serious the unsafe driving was and how often it occurred. For novice drivers, the interventions begin earlier than for experienced drivers.

For both novice and experienced drivers, the following driving behaviours may lead to interventions under the DI&C Program:

- At fault collisions.
- Traffic convictions.
- Twenty-four-hour roadside suspensions.
- Tiered Administrative Licence Suspensions.

None of the interventions under the DI&C Program are based on your age or gender — only on your driving behaviour.