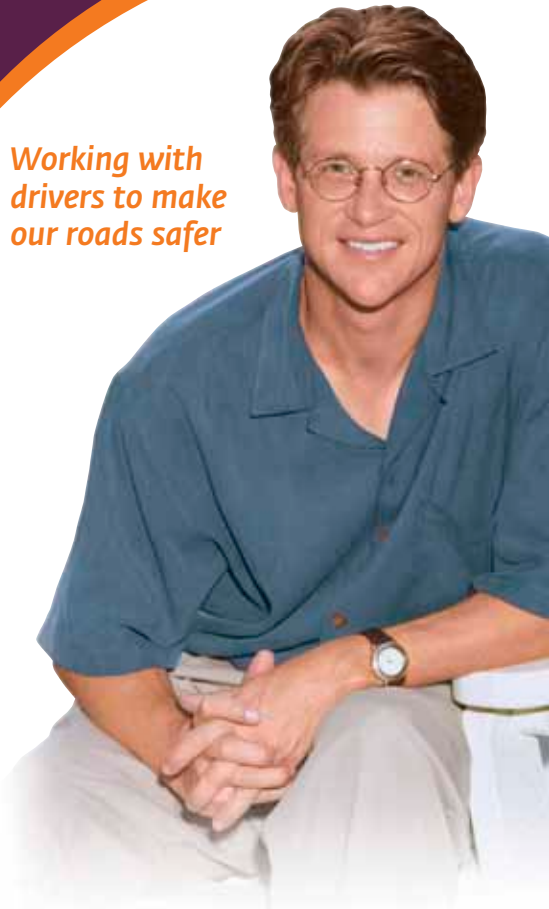


Driver Improvement and Control Program

*Working with
drivers to make
our roads safer*



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The Driver Improvement and Control (DI&C) Program aims to make Manitoba's roads safer for all. It encourages Manitobans to make safe driving behavior 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 determined solely on driver experience and the severity and frequency of the driver's involvement.

The DI&C Program's 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:

- ➔ driver's licence suspension
- ➔ required completion of a driver course or driver examinations
- ➔ further restrictions on your driver's licence

Drivers who don't complete a required course or exam will have their driver's licences cancelled and their driver's licence fees 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 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 accidents
- ➔ traffic convictions
- ➔ 24-hour roadside suspensions
- ➔ Tiered Administrative Licence Suspensions*

**Drivers operating a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration between .05 and .08 or who fail a physical coordination test are subject to a Tiered Administrative Licence Suspension. Tiered Administrative Licence Suspensions are progressively longer suspensions ranging from 24 hours to 60 days, depending on how many previous suspensions have been issued to the driver within a 10-year period.*

Tiered Administrative Licence Suspensions also apply to situations where a person operates a vessel, an aircraft or railway equipment while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

How will this program affect me?

It won't affect you if you drive safely. Driving safely means not being convicted of driving offences, not being issued any alcohol or drug related roadside suspensions and not causing any accidents.

I am a senior. Will this program affect me?

It won't affect you if you drive safely. Age by itself isn't a factor.

If I am found to be driving with alcohol in my blood, what will happen to me?

Most importantly, impaired driving is a crime. If convicted, you'll face serious consequences under Canada's *Criminal Code*. Please see our *Impaired Driving* brochure for details.

Novice drivers must have zero blood alcohol concentration while operating a vehicle. If you are a novice driver found with a blood alcohol level of up to .05 while driving you will receive an immediate 24-hour roadside suspension. In addition, you will be required to attend a Show Cause Hearing to consider a further driver's licence suspension.

Novice and experienced drivers found with a blood alcohol concentration between .05 and .08 or who fail a physical coordination test are subject to an immediate Tiered Administrative Licence Suspension. In addition, if you are a novice driver, you will be required to attend a Show Cause Hearing to consider a further driver's licence suspension.

If you are a novice or experienced driver found with a blood alcohol concentration over .08, refuse to provide a breath or blood sample, or refuse to perform a physical coordination test or to follow a police officer's instructions regarding the test, Manitoba's existing tough impaired driving countermeasures will apply. These include:

- ➔ vehicle impoundment
- ➔ an immediate Administrative Licence Suspension
- ➔ a mandatory *Impaired Driver Assessment* at the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba
- ➔ a longer driver's licence suspension if convicted of the offence
- ➔ a driver's licence reinstatement charge

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What would happen if I am convicted of driving outside the GDL restrictions?

You will be charged under *The Highway Traffic Act* and/or its regulations and must attend a Novice Driver Hearing. A Novice Driver Hearing may result in other consequences that affect your driver's licence.

If I am suspended at a Show Cause Hearing can I appeal?

Yes. You may appeal to the Licence Suspension Appeal Board (LSAB). The LSAB will consider public safety and exceptional hardship caused by the suspension. For novice drivers under GDL, additional driver's licence restrictions may also be appealed to the LSAB.

I have 15 merits on the Driver Rating Scale. If I have an at-fault accident, traffic conviction or Tiered Administrative Licence Suspension what will happen to me?

The DI&C Program is independent of the Driver Safety Rating. The program determines an appropriate reaction to an incident being added to a driver's record based on the seriousness of the incident, prior incidents and previous DI&C interventions.

I have been involved in an at-fault accident. Will I be subject to DI&C intervention?

There are many factors that the DI&C Program considers when determining if an intervention is warranted and type of intervention:

- ➔ driver category
- ➔ incident frequency
- ➔ incident severity
- ➔ previous intervention

Why would the DI&C Program be concerned if I am involved in at-fault accident?

The program tries to stop high risk driving behaviours before they start. Studies have shown that drivers who cause one accident are more likely to cause another one.

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