



Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital

# Teenage Driver Rehabilitation

Living with a disability might mean you approach everyday tasks differently, but it doesn't need to limit your mobility. At Northwestern Medicine Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital, the Driver Rehabilitation Program offers comprehensive driving education to help teenagers with disabilities learn how to drive.

Marianjoy Driver Rehabilitation staff are all occupational therapists and certified driver rehabilitation specialists who are also driving instructors certified by the state of Illinois. As a driving school approved by the Illinois State Board of Education, we coordinate services with area high schools to provide evaluation and behind-the-wheel training for teens with disabilities.

Prior participation in a driver education class is not required. However, it is strongly encouraged that the student reviews the *Rules of the Road* booklet before their first appointment.

The initial driving evaluation is performed on the Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital campus.

## Driver evaluation

**The two-part evaluation is designed to provide a comprehensive, objective appraisal of driving ability:**

- › Part 1 is a clinical evaluation that assesses vision, perception, cognition and motor function.
- › Part 2 is a behind-the-wheel evaluation in one of Marianjoy's driver rehabilitation vehicles.

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**The Driver Rehabilitation Program may benefit teenagers with these diagnoses:**

- › Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- › Anxiety disorders
- › Autism spectrum disorder
- › Bipolar disorder
- › Cerebral palsy
- › Dwarfism
- › Muscular dystrophy
- › Spina bifida

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## Participants must meet the following requirements:

- › Be at least 15 years old
- › Have a physician's order for **occupational therapy driving evaluation and treatment**
- › Receive written authorization from the high school if it is assisting with fees
- › Have a learner's permit for behind-the-wheel training (not required for evaluation)

After the evaluation, the certified driver rehabilitation specialist will discuss recommendations with you and your family, as appropriate. Guidance on adaptive equipment, restricted driving and alternative transportation options may also be discussed. Your physician will get a copy of the final evaluation report and recommendations.

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To schedule an appointment, please call **630.909.6080** (TTY: 711) and press 4.