Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital

Wheelchair-Accessible Vehicle
Driver Rehabilitation

If you use a manual wheelchair, power wheelchair or scooter, our Driver Rehabilitation Program at Northwestern Medicine Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital can provide you with guidance and support tailored to your unique driving needs.

Our staff includes:

› Occupational therapists
› Certified driver rehabilitation specialists
› Driving instructors certified by the state of Illinois

How an assessment helps

Whether you plan to drive directly from your mobility device or transfer into the driver's seat, our staff can recommend the most suitable options for you.

For those learning to drive from a wheelchair, comprehensive driving evaluations can help determine:

› The best vehicle or vehicle adaptations for your needs

› Specific equipment recommendations, such as wheelchair ramps, lifts or hand controls

› Whether you can safely operate the vehicle under various conditions

Driver evaluation

The two-part evaluation is designed to provide a comprehensive, objective appraisal of your driving ability. The initial driving evaluation is done on the Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital campus and may take up to four hours to complete.

› 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.

On the day of your evaluation, bring your mobility device, including your power wheelchair if you use one.

Schedule your evaluation

To join the Marianjoy Driver Rehabilitation Program, you need a physician's order for occupational therapy driving evaluation and treatment.

Call **630.909.6080** (TTY: 711) and press 4 to schedule an appointment.

You might be eligible to get funding assistance through the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Rehabilitation Services. To ask about eligibility and determine which office serves your area, visit **dhs.state.il.us** or call **877.581.3690**.