

Medicinal cannabis and driving

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Driving needs checklist

A person's driving needs should be an early point of discussion when treatment with medicinal cannabis is being considered. This checklist supports such discussions and identifies whether the person's current driving needs are compatible with the planned treatment and any driving restrictions.

The **red** responses point to risk in terms of road safety if the person is unable to comply with advice about driving.

For a patient with a significant driving need, consider carefully the appropriateness of prescribing THC-containing products.

Consider also whether the patient's underlying health condition, for which you are considering medicinal cannabis, should be reported to DTP Medical Review.

Visit the Transport Victoria website for more information.

Driving associated with work			
Type of driving and vehicle Does the patient drive heavy vehicles, public passenger vehicles, dangerous goods vehicles, emergency vehicles or other high-risk vehicles?	Details:	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Other high-risk aspects of their work Are there any other high-risk aspects to their work (e.g. operating machinery, safety-critical decision-making)? Is fatigue a likely consequence of their work? (e.g. shiftwork)	Details: Details:	YES <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Commuting for work Does the patient drive to get to work?	Details:	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Social and health-related driving needs			
Does the patient have caring responsibilities that rely on driving?	Details:	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the patient's ability to access health care or other essential life tasks likely to be affected by driving restrictions?	Details:	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Transport alternatives			
Does the patient have feasible transport alternatives or alternative ways to manage their current needs (such as deliveries)?	Details:	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Conclusion			
Based on the patient's driving needs and their general history of compliance with your recommendations, are they likely to be able to comply with short or long-term advice to abstain from or restrict driving?	Action and advice:	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>