

(This is an example of a letter the doctor can provide for the person with dementia to remind the person of the need to stop driving. A copy can be given to the family caregiver.)

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Dear Mr. (Mrs.) _____:

I realize that this is a difficult recommendation for you, but based on the results of tests performed, I am recommending you do not drive.

You have undergone assessment for memory/cognitive problems. It has been found by comprehensive assessment that you have _____ dementia. The severity is _____.

Even with **mild** dementia, your risk of a car accident in the next year is eight times that of other people your age. Even with **mild** dementia, the risk of a serious car crash is 50% within two years of diagnosis.

Additional factors in your health assessment that raise concerns about driving safety include:

As your doctor, I have a legal responsibility to report potentially unsafe drivers to the Provincial Registrar. I have no choice in this matter. Even with a previous safe driving record, your risk of a car crash is too great for you to continue driving. Your safety and the safety of others are too important.

_____ M.D. _____ Witness

_____ Date

Copies given to: _____

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