

WE NEED TO TALK: FAMILY CONVERSATIONS WITH OLDER DRIVERS

The Hartford and the MIT AgeLab surveyed mature drivers about their driving behavior and the driving behavior of their older relatives.

As a group, older drivers are relatively safe, making smart choices about where and when they drive — referred to as “self-regulation.” Age alone doesn’t determine if a driver is safe on the road or that he or she should stop driving. If a particular driver is unsafe, it’s often because of an underlying health issue. Driving involves the complex intersection of physical health and cognitive abilities, as well as skills and knowledge of the road.

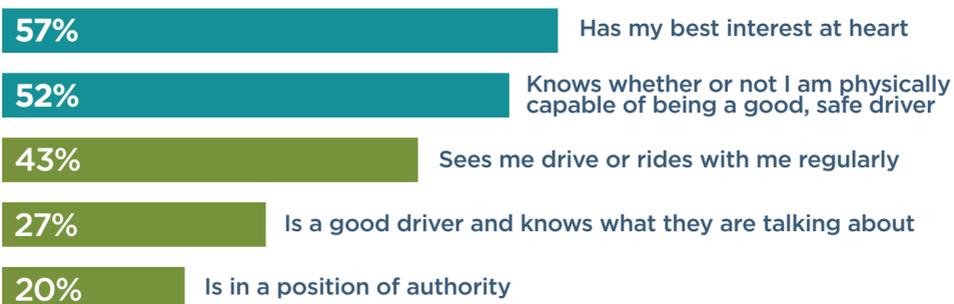
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If someone were to approach you with concerns about your driving, who would you be most likely to listen to?



Spouse	35%
Child	19%
Police Officer	18%
Doctor/Healthcare Professional	11%
Close Friend	9%
Sibling	5%

And I would trust this person because he/she...



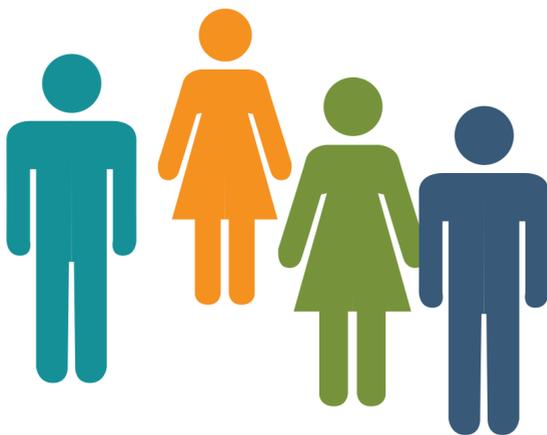
Reasons for Driving Concerns

Under what conditions would you feel like someone should talk to you about your driving?



Family Member Whose Driving Is of Concern

Of those who have a relative over the age of 50 who drives, family members were most likely to say they have concerns about their:



Spouse	19%
Parent	17%
Sibling	17%
Aunt/Uncle	9%
Mother-in-law/ Father-in-law	8%

Conversations with Older Drivers

Among those who expressed concerns about their relative’s driving, parents/in-laws are most likely to be talked to, usually by their grown children.

Family member most likely to have been talked to about their driving:



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