

Car or motorcycle drivers with heart conditions

When do you need to tell us about your condition?

Please keep for further reference.

Driving with a heart condition

You do not need to tell DVLA if you have any of the following conditions:

- Heart attack (acute coronary syndrome to include myocardial infarction)
- Coronary artery bypass surgery (CABG)
- Coronary angioplasty (also known as percutaneous coronary intervention)
- Heart valve disease/surgery, or
- Angina.

But, in the interests of road safety you must always be sure you can safely control your motor vehicle.

Do not drive until your doctor tells you that you are fit to restart driving, when the required period of time off driving has passed.

Acute Coronary Syndrome including Heart Attack/Heart Operation

You should stop driving for at least 1 month after such an event.

Coronary Angioplasty

You must stop driving for at least 1 week after a successful procedure. If procedure not successful stop driving for at least 4 weeks.

Angina

You may continue to drive if you have angina (regardless of the need for medication) **unless** it occurs at rest, **whilst** driving or with emotion. If it does, you **must stop driving and only restart when** you get the symptoms under control.

Heart Conditions that may cause sudden attacks of disabling giddiness or fainting

These include conditions for which you have had a PACEMAKER or a CARDIOVERTER DEFIBRILLATOR (ICD) implanted. **You must tell DVLA and stop driving.** Your doctor or Heart Specialist will be able to tell you when you can drive again by consulting the relevant medical fitness standards published on the DVLA website.

Again, in the interests of road safety you must be sure at all times that you can safely control a motor vehicle.

If you have any doubts about your ability to continue to drive safely, you should discuss the matter with your doctor who will be able to advise you whether you should tell DVLA about your condition.

Contact us

If you are advised to tell DVLA again about your condition you can:

Download the appropriate medical questionnaires from our **web site: www.direct.gov.uk/driverhealth**

Phone: 0300 709 6806

Write: Drivers Medical Group, DVLA, Swansea SA99 1TU.

Email to: eftd@dvla.gsi.gov.uk