

BC Motor Vehicles has a program to assess fitness to drive which has come the attention of the BCRTA Social Concerns Committee. The driver's licence of a member's spouse was taken away after being given a video game-like computer test run by a private company, DriveAble Inc. Letters to Motor Vehicles pointing out that the test result was obviously an error were ignored.

Social Concerns is investigating this issue but members should be aware of the risks to their driving privileges resulting from this program. Don't volunteer to go through this assessment.

“A Vancouver senior is criticizing the B.C. government for taking away his driver's licence despite assessments by doctors who said he is fit to drive.

“Driving has been my bread and butter my whole life, that's how I made my living,” Robert Dent, 74, told the CBC's Go Public. “I miss my job. I miss taking care of my family.”

“If you are confused and or have dementia, of course you shouldn't be driving,” said his wife, Joanne Ogilvie. “But in his case there is nothing wrong. There never was.”

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/story/2011/03/07/bc-license-lost.html>

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More information is available here.

Seniors need not despair

<http://www.timescolonist.com/health/Seniors+need+despair+test/4367052/story.html>

When should seniors stop driving?

<http://www2.canada.com/victoriatimescolonist/news/driving/story.html?id=3a0796d0-3415-4339-a5ae-b6f8ada01f3a>

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