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9. Driving Evaluation

Driving is a very important skill in our society. People with TBI sometimes have their licenses taken away: this may be due to seizure activity, physical or cognitive limitations, or as a legal consequence of the accident that gave them the TBI. Professionals in California are legally obligated to report to the Department of Motor Vehicles regarding individuals whose brain injuries may impair their driving ability. Licensed drivers are also legally obligated to report to the DMV any changes in their condition that may impair their driving (like visual problems, limb weakness, or seizures). Many with TBI can and do drive safely and well. If you (person with TBI, family, friend, or professional) are not sure about driving skills, a driving evaluation can document whether one is able to drive safely.

DRIVER ASSESSMENT FACILITIES

Adaptive Driving Education Resources will help those people with TBI who are trying to get their driving privileges reinstated as well as those that want to have their driving skills assessed. The agencies listed below offer driving education for people with disabilities to help them learn or relearn driving skills.

These programs provide driver evaluations and independent mobility skills assessments for those with medical conditions or injury. Their Clinical Assessment include strength, coordination, endurance, vision, perception, and thinking skills. This part of the evaluation is reviewed between client and the rehabilitation consultant/driving evaluator. Unlike some other driver evaluation services, drivers are not ruled out by their clinical assessment: if they don't do well with that (some people don't do well with such tests), they are often encouraged to go on to the behind-the-wheel evaluation.

The behind-the-wheel evaluation involves how the client deals with a car in traffic, interacts with others and makes decisions, and whether they need the use of any adaptive equipment. (e.g., spinner knob or hand control). This evaluation assesses one's functional ability to drive in this setting. These evaluations provide a comprehensive written report, with recommendations.

Prospective clients must have a driver's license or temporary permit.

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Adaptive Driving Aid

408/866-7237

800/371-4243

3155 Williamsburg Drive

San Jose, CA 95117

- The evaluations of the Adaptive Driving Aid are based out of the home of the client and, when appropriate, with the client's own car. Sam at Adaptive Driving Aid provides drivers training and can install adaptive equipment as well. Prospective clients must have a driver's license or temporary permit.
- Serves all areas in central and northern California with an emphasis on San Francisco and Monterey Bay areas.

Apex Driving School Mobility Training Division

415/252-7760

888/374-8333

210 Fell Street

San Francisco, CA 94102

Website: <www.apexdrivingschool.com>

- Driver assessment/evaluation, education, and training.

Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists

318/257-5055

800/290-2344

711 South Vienna Street

Ruston, LA 71270

Website: <www.driver-ed.org>

- The Association is a professional organization that allows consumers to search their membership directory database to locate adaptive driving specialists in their area.

Bond Driving School

916/485-5779

3333 Balmoral Drive

Sacramento, CA 95821

Website: <www.bonddrivingschool.com>

- Offers specialized adaptive driving instruction using the vehicle owned by the person with the disability.

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John Muir Therapy Center

925/947-5300

Outpatient Therapy

1981 North Broadway, Suite 180

Walnut Creek, CA 94596

- Two part program: Classroom and road training.
- Referred by physician.
- Current drivers license.
- Costs about \$475 .

Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Adaptive Driving Evaluation Program

408/885-5613

FAX: 408/885-4844

751 South Bascom Avenue

San Jose, CA 95128

- Referred by physician.
- Car and van assessments.
- Driver training.

Simply the Best Driving School

916/929-7085

648 Northfield Drive, Suite C

Sacramento, CA 95833

- Offers adaptive driving evaluations and training.

Veterans Administration Medical Center

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Dept.

650/493-5000 x65801

3801 Miranda

Palo Alto, CA 94304

- Veterans only.
- Must register with the Veterans Hospital.
- Driver assessment / evaluation, education, and training.
- Device prescription.
- Classroom and on-road instruction.

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EQUIPMENT INSTALLERS

Access Ability Medical Equipment and Supply

925/225-1121

5627 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 324

Pleasanton, CA 94588

Website: <www.accessability4u.com>

- Offers a full-service facility with various kinds of adaptive equipment for use by people with disabilities including scooter lifts and carriers, hand controls, vehicle platform lifts, and other driving aids.

Access Development Co.

707/575-6996

FAX: 707/575-7659

3069 Wiljan Court

Santa Rosa, CA 95407

Website: <www.access-development.com>

- Hand controls, wheelchair carriers, and lifts.
- Passenger vans/ vehicle modifications.
- Installation and repair.

Access Options, Inc.

831/722-6804 (Watsonville)

408/288-5438 (San Jose)

Main Office:

109 Lee Road, Suite D

Watsonville, CA 95076

San Jose Location:

1255 Alma Court

San Jose, CA 95112

Website: <www.accessoptions.com>

- Hand controls, wheelchair carriers, and lifts.
- Passenger vans/ vehicle modifications.

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AdaptAbility

707/575-6997

3069 Wiljan Court

Santa Rosa, CA 95407

Website: <www.adaptabilityca.com>

- Offers installation services for new and used mini and full-size wheelchair accessible vans, ADA compliant vans, wheelchair and scooter lifts, driving controls, restraint systems, and other vehicle modifications.
- Offer home demonstrations and can help obtain financial assistance.

Adaptive Driving Aid

408/866-7237

800/371-4243

3155 Williamsburg Drive

San Jose, CA 95117

- Hand controls, wheelchair carriers, and lifts.
- Vehicle modifications.

Continental Van & Truck Specialty Conversions

916/362-2018

9475 Business Park Drive, Unit 1

Sacramento, CA 95827

- Van and truck conversions.

Deluxe Truckin' Mobility

916/392-1196

6550 Freeport Boulevard

Sacramento, CA 95822

Website: <www.deluxemobility.com>

- Mobility vehicles, wheelchair lifts and carriers, scooters and carriers, specialty van conversions, extended doors, transfer seats, extended roof lines, hand controls, wheelchair tie downs and restraint systems, automatic door openers and remotes, and porch and stairway lifts and ramps.

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Driving Specialties Ltd.

Website: <www.drivingspecialties.com>

- Offers vehicle conversions with adaptive equipment.

707/553-1515
215 Commercial Street
Vallejo, CA 94589

559/291-2563
2563 N. Fordhan Ave.
Fresno, CA 93727

916/635-2765
2216 Cemo Circle, Suite A
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Elite Mobility

209/544-8380

400 12th Street, Suite 14

Modesto, CA 95354

Website: <www.elitemobility.com>

- Automotive scooter and wheelchair lifts, hand controls, etc.

Kempf-Katalavox

408/773-0219

800/255-6174

P.O. Box 61103

Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Website: <www.katalavox.com>

- A voice-activated driving system that controls the electric functions of an automobile.

Mobility Systems

510/540-0295

1010 Carleton Street

Berkeley, CA 94710

Website: <www.mobilitysystems.com>

- Offers van conversions, installation of hand controls, van lifts, a chair topper for wheelchairs to be stored on top of a vehicle, scooter lift, ramps for easy access to and from vehicles, and wheelchair restraints.

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New Ability Driving Systems

800/287-LIFT
408/435-8005
2470 Kruse Drive
San Jose, CA 95131

- Offers vehicle conversions with adaptive equipment.

Nor-Cal Mobility

800/225-7361
530/893-1111
1298 Nord Avenue
Chico, CA 95926
Website: <www.norcalmobility.com>

- Offers vehicle conversions with adaptive equipment and lifts.

Sacramento Van Conversions & Mobility

916/381-8267
5821 Florin Perkins Road
Sacramento, CA 95828
Website: <www.sacvans.com>

- Offers vehicle conversions with various kinds of adaptive equipment.

South Bay Mobility

408/988-1926
FAX: 408/988-1914
730 Parker Street
Santa Clara, CA 95050

- Offers vehicle conversions with adaptive equipment and lifts.

VEHICLE MODIFICATION REIMBURSEMENT

Chrysler Automobility Program

DaimlerChrysler Customer Assistance Center
800/992-1997
P.O. Box 21-8004
Auburn Hills, MI 48321

- Chrysler vehicle reimbursements of up to \$1000 for vehicle modifications.

Department Of Rehabilitation

- See chapter 25 for an office located nearest to where you live.

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Ford Motor Corporation Mobility Motoring Program

800/952-2248

P.O. Box 529

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303

Website: <www.mobilitymotoringprogram.com/mainpage.mob>

- Ford vehicle reimbursements of up to \$1000 for vehicle modifications.

General Motors Corporation Mobility Assistance Center

800/323-9935

P.O. Box 5053

Troy, MI 48007

Website: <www.gm.com/automotive/vehicle_shopping/gm_mobility>

- GM vehicle reimbursements of up to \$1000 for vehicle modifications.

Saturn Mobility

800/553-6000

100 Saturn Parkway

Spring Hill, TN 37174

- Saturn vehicle reimbursements of up to \$1000 for vehicle modifications.

Volkswagen Mobility Access Program

800/444-8987

P.O. Box 214378

Auburn Hills, MI 48321-9975

- Volkswagen vehicle reimbursements of up to \$1000 for vehicle modifications.

BOOKS

The Disabled Driver's Mobility Guide

AAA Traffic Safety and Engineering

1000 AAA Drive

Heathrow, FL 32746-5080

Website: <www.aaapublicaffairs.com>

- Contact your local AAA office or go to their website.

- Includes information about adaptive equipment, vehicle modifications, driver training and related services.

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VIDEOS

The Road to Independence: Adapted Driving Options
The Assistive Technology Center
2020 Peachtree Road, NW
Atlanta, GA 30309

