



Car or motorcycle drivers with heart conditions

When you need to tell us about your condition

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Go to: www.gov.uk/browse/driving



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 vehicle.

Do not drive until your doctor tells you that you are fit to start driving again, 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 one month after such an event.

Coronary angioplasty

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

Angina

You can carry on driving if you have angina (regardless of the need for medication) **unless** it occurs while you're at rest, **while** driving or with emotion. If it does, you **must stop driving and only start again 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 tell you when you can drive again by consulting the relevant medical fitness standards published on **GOV.UK**

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

If you have any doubts about your ability to drive safely, speak to your doctor. They can advise you whether you should tell DVLA about your condition.

Contact us

If you are advised to tell DVLA again about your condition you need to fill in a medical questionnaire.

Medical questionnaires are available to download at **www.gov.uk/driving-medical-conditions**

Questionnaires are also available to order by:

phone: **0300 790 6806**

post to: **Drivers Medical Group
DVLA
Swansea
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