

Checklist A: Observe Behavioural Signs

You can access the individual's level of functioning by observing his or her day-to-day behaviour outside of the motor vehicle. Following are some signs that a person no longer has the necessary skills to drive safely. He or she:

Driving Behaviour	Status
Has become less coordinated.	
Has difficulty judging distance and space.	
Gets lost or feels disoriented in familiar places.	
Has difficulty engaging in multiple tasks.	
Has increase memory loss, especially for recent events.	
Is less alert to things happening around him or her?	
Has mood swings, confusion, irritability.	
Needs prompting for personal care.	
Has difficulty processing information.	
Has difficulty with decision-making and problem solving.	

Note: It is important to compare the present behaviour with behaviour before the onset of dementia. Changes in behaviour will be most noticeable to family and friends who have closely interacted with the individual over time. You may share and discuss your observations with professional consultants or dementia specialists.