

Tips and Tricks for Driving

Thinking of Learning to drive

- Apply for a provisional driving licence from age 16
- Contact a Driving Assessment Centre for an assessment of your driving needs
- Try vehicles in the Assessment Centre – they can customise the vehicle for you
- Consider funding options towards the cost of the vehicle
- Motability will fund 40 hours of lessons
- You will need to pay for your theory and practical tests
- Motability will cover your insurance

Changing your Vehicle?

- Start looking at vehicle options 12 months before your vehicle is due for renewal
- Go to Motability Events – try before you buy
- Speak to others at NMC who have Motability Vehicles / adaptations
- Consider having a Driving / Passenger Assessment at a Driving Assessment Centre near you www.drivingmotability.org.uk
- This can be a positive experience and solution focused, enabling you to remain on the road safely
- A car is leased for a 3 year period. You can extend this by 6 months. You can receive a Good Condition bonus of £600 at the end of your lease if the car is returned in good condition
- WAV's are leased for 5 years. At the end of the 5 year lease, providing you have done less than 60,000 miles, you can extend this for another 2 years. If you agree to do this, you receive £500 and then a further £100 per year for the remaining 2 years
- The right wheelchair is paramount to keeping you safe in the vehicle
- Need a WAV? Consider what size of WAV – small, medium / small, medium / large, large. Will you need rear or side entry? Visit www.motability.co.uk/wavs
- Need a hoist? Look at the different types available and ensure that that the hoist can take the weight of your scooter / wheelchair
- Thinking of a rotating seat? Be careful and do take advice. These seats can be costly and may not work for you.

- If your health needs change before your lease is finished? Contact Motability to see if you can terminate the lease early
- Motability tend not to transfer driving controls but can transfer hoists
- If you have any modification to your vehicle you must tell the insurance company
- There will be a need for training with any new adaptations
- Remember that as your body becomes weaker and your strength is reduced, the steering can be made lighter

Insurance

- If you would benefit from more than the designated number of drivers that Motability allow, you can apply for an 'Open Insurance'
- This allows any number of drivers to take you out and about as and when needed
- This will give you more freedom and independence
- There is NO cost to do this