

Identifying & Evaluating the At-Risk Older Adult



Date _____

Officer _____

Name of Person _____

Location _____



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Questions to Ask to Assess Orientation and Memory

1. Ask, “Where are you going and where are you coming from?”

Record the response as given.

2. Ask to state/spell full name, address, and home phone number.

3. Ask today’s date and day of the week, using prompts if necessary.

4. Ask the time of day without looking at a watch.

(more than 1 hour off is abnormal)

Stated: _____ Actual: _____

5. Ask to recite months in reverse order.

Number of errors: _____ *(two or more errors are abnormal)*

6. Ask what city or town they are in now.

7. Ask the make, model, and year of their car.

8. Point at each item listed below and ask the individual to name them.* Record responses as given.

*If contact does not result from a traffic stop, choose nearby everyday items and ask the individual to name them.

Steering Wheel: _____ Radio/Stereo: _____

Windshield: _____ Rear-view Mirror: _____

Glove Compartment/Box: _____ Gear Shift: _____

Questions 1 through 8:

Correct Responses: _____

Incorrect Responses: _____

Notes: _____

Recommendations:

Circle answers.

Too Impaired for Driving: Y / N

Too Unsafe/No Further Testing: Y / N

Vision Testing Recommended: Y / N

Report to DMV/Unsafe on Road: Y / N

Locate Family/Neighbor
and Secure at Home: Y / N

File Report/Warning
or Citation Issue: Y / N

Transport to Hospital: Y / N

Request Further Action: Y / N