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Religious Driver Behind the Wheel Screening Program

The Behind the Wheel Driver Screening Program was developed by the Risk Solutions department at Christian Brothers Services in 2003 to assist members of the Risk Pooling Trust (RPT) in identifying their organization's at-risk religious drivers. In addition to screening, the program offers safe driver recommendations, as well as suggestions for at-risk drivers to be assessed by a Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist which can conduct a more thorough driver medical screening and who has the authority to suggest a driver no longer drive permanently. Risk Solutions is limited in the number of screenings that can be provided for members and cannot be the sole service provider for communities to have their members screened.

To better manage this process and be able to offer this service to all Risk Pooling Trust members, the conditions of eligibility must be met before a Risk Solutions' risk control specialist can provide behind the wheel screenings.

We are pleased to continue our partnership with members in developing programs designed to minimize risk exposures associated with vehicle operations. The intended benefit of this partnership is to encourage the safe driving skills necessary to eliminate injuries to both our drivers and others with whom we share the roadways.

Conditions of Eligibility

1. Communities must submit a copy of their driver/fleet policy to their assigned risk control consultant for review. The policy must include sections that explain the following:
 - a. How the communities identifies drivers who are at-risk.
 - b. Required driver awareness training for all drivers and demonstrate training is being conducted and managed (suggestion: drivers attend training every 2 years).
 - c. Driver screenings:
 - Who is to be screened and why
 - How often the screenings will take place
 - d. How the community will remove driving privileges.
 - e. What the community will do to help transport individuals who no longer have the ability to drive safely.
2. The policy is to be assessed by their risk control consultant initially and every three years.
3. Leadership is to be available to review the results following the screenings.
4. Drivers need to be at least 80 years of age. If the community need to screen a driver under the age of 80, an explanation will be needed for that driver.
5. Driver needs to have a valid state driver's license.
6. Driver needs to have had an eye exam within the last year.
7. Driver is a religious driver and drives vehicles covered through the Risk Pooling Trust.

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The Driver Screeners are not Authorized to:

- Rescreen a driver that a risk control consultant has already recommended should stop driving without clearance from a certified driver rehab specialist/occupational therapist.
- Rescreen a driver who has failed a behind the wheel driver screening from another organization.
- Screen a driver following a personal circumstance where the driver was informed by a doctor not to drive during their recuperation. A release from the treating doctor, stating it is permissible for this individual to drive, needs to be provided. (Depends on circumstances)
- Screen a driver who only has an international driver's license.
- Screen a non-religious driver, employee or volunteer.
- Screen a driver whose vehicles are not covered by the Risk Pooling Trust.
- Screen a driver behind the wheel who has not met a combination of acceptable scores during the table top exercises.

Christian Brothers Risk Solutions has developed a toolkit that has resources and suggested activities to assist the community with either developing/upgrading their existing programs as it relates to religious driver management in the following areas:

- Responsibility and Accountability
- Driver Profiles
- Guidelines for Monitoring Drivers by Age
- Motor Vehicle Record Checks
- Identifying Red Flags with Cognitive Exercises
- Driver Observations

Risk Solutions at CBS has always focused on helping our members manage risk, especially in the areas of fleet and driver safety. When risk control staff are unable to visit a member, for whatever reason, it is important for members to have policies and programs to help them manage their drivers. The goal has always been to have safe drivers and to have policies that help identify at-risk drivers, so action can be taken to manage the risk. Now more than ever, in order to do this, more engagement is needed from fleet personnel and leadership. Many religious communities have relied on risk control to come out and conduct behind the wheel driver evaluations as needed, depending on the community's driver policy. Other service providers may be able to assist with testing of at-risk drivers and risk control encourages utilizing these providers, when possible, if available and if it can be done safely. Sometimes it becomes a reality that more intervention is needed internally to manage drivers. The objective of this toolkit is to provide communities with information, suggested guidelines, and specific resources to assist with the monitoring and management of community drivers.

For more information on the Behind the Wheel Driver Education Program or any of our other services to help you reduce risk, contact:

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