

Olmsted County
Community Health Assessment and Planning Process
Community Dialogues
Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention
2017

Themes

Driving is Independence

Driving Distractions

What it Would Take to Stop or Change

What is a Healthy Community?

- Inclusive
- Access to healthcare and mental health programs
- Opportunities to be engaged
- Safe community



*“Different backgrounds/
ways of viewing things”*

“Safe community”

*“Overall wellness, keeping
community safe, inclusive”*

*“Communication between
leaders and who they represent”*

Driving is Independence (Mature Drivers)

- Don't have to be on schedule
- Not a burden to others
- Ability to be social

"Easier to give up keys if I don't lose independence - if public transportation improves"

"Now can run to the store for a loaf of bread, don't have to be on a schedule"

"Feel like you're taking advantage of people"

Driving Distractions

- Many different types of distractions
- Not just a teen issue

"Can't talk or listen and drive at the same time, need full attention"

"Texting is so common-people don't associate the risk"

"Becomes habitual"

"Not cute when posting on social media while driving"

"Teen drivers are not the only one's texting and driving"

What it Would Take to Stop or Change

- Something drastic
- It won't happen to me

"Hard to convey risk"

"Consequences don't sink in until closer to home"



Strategies Identified

Education

Other Transportation Options

Policies/Laws