Living with a disability might mean you approach everyday tasks differently, but it doesn’t need to limit your mobility. At Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital, part of Northwestern Medicine, the Driver Rehabilitation Program offers comprehensive evaluation and training to help people with disabilities learn (or relearn) how to drive. Marianjoy Driver Rehabilitation staff are all occupational therapists and certified driver rehabilitation specialists who are also driving instructors certified by the state of Illinois.

Adaptive equipment
The Marianjoy driver evaluation vehicles let drivers try various adaptive equipment before buying their own personally adapted vehicle.

We can also
Help determine the equipment you need and provide training with it
Accompany you to the secretary of state facility in a Marianjoy vehicle
Assist you and the mobility dealer you choose during the process of adapting a personal vehicle
Perform a conformance inspection and fitting at your mobility dealer’s location

Adapted minivans are available for both new and previous drivers who use a wheelchair or scooter. You can transfer into the driver seat within the minivan or drive while remaining in your wheelchair.

Wheelchair-accessible minivans have a wide range of equipment that can include the following:

- 14” lowered floor with a platform in the driver area to simulate a 10” lowered floor
- Six-way power seat base for easier transfers
- Removable driver seat to provide space for a wheelchair
- Mechanical hand controls on both the left and right sides of the steering wheel
- Variable-effort steering (zero reduction to full reduction)
- High-tech equipment (EMC AEVIT 2.0®) such as a remote small steering wheel, remote joystick for gas/brake and steering, remote activation of secondary controls (signals), and touch screen for operation of ignition, gear shift and other controls

continued
People with these diagnoses may require a wheelchair-accessible vehicle:

- Spinal cord injury
- Muscular dystrophy
- Spinal muscular atrophy
- Multiple sclerosis
- Cerebral palsy
- Spina bifida

You might be eligible to receive funding assistance through the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Rehabilitation Services. To inquire about eligibility and determine which office serves your area, visit dhs.state.il.us or call 877.581.3690.

To participate in this program, you need a physician’s order for OT Driving Evaluation and Treatment.

To schedule an appointment, please call 630.909.6080, Option 4 (TTY: 711).