

How to act to minimize harms to the person

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Principle of non maleficence

implies

Team/
professional

minimize

Harms

Means

such as

- Involving the family in the process
- Suggesting alternatives to driving
- Providing user with written information
- Providing information on private resources available
- Choosing the professional who will address the topic with the person
- Providing psychological support
- Referring the person directly to the specialized program without informing the SAAQ beforehand

can contribute to the person

- adapting/accepting their medical condition
- taking the responsibility of informing the SAAQ themselves of the change in their medical condition
- giving up driving
- accepting to be referred for a formal driving evaluation
- engaging in the rehabilitation process

with the aim of

Respecting/promoting autonomy of the person

can contribute to the person

Negotiation with the person to determine the most appropriate moment to signal to the SAAQ

allowing

Minimal

Substantial

consider

Communicating verbally with the SEM of the SAAQ

could contribute

Minimizing the wait time for treatment of the file at the SAAQ

by considering

Deciding on the most appropriate moment to signal the situation to the SAAQ

Immediate risk for the safety of the person and society at large

influence

- Judgment/insight of the person
- Stage of recovery
- Adherence with the recommendation not to drive
- History of prior accidents
- Premorbid driving habits
- Is patient driving presently?
- Is the family involved?

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