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### Old drivers kept off the road

### 众多老年司机面临驾照被撤销

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老年人一向被认为是最安全的司机群体。他们一般不会对在交通高峰时段上路，发生事故的机率也比年轻司机小很多。可是越来越多的老年司机在英国被撤销驾照了，原因是什么呢？请听 Judith Moritz 的报道。

**Motorists** over 70 are **considered** to be **amongst** the safest on the road. Many avoid **rush-hour** and late-night driving and are said to cause fewer **accident-related injuries** than younger drivers.

But more of them than ever are being stopped from driving for **medical reasons**. In 2011 just over 10,000 over-70s were **banned** because of their **health**. By last year, that **figure** had risen by a third to nearly 13,000 drivers.

The DVLA (Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency) says it is not **clear** why there has been such a **surge** in the number of older drivers losing their **licence on health grounds**.

## Questions

1. At what two times do people over 70 try not to drive?
2. What do younger drivers cause more of than older drivers?
3. Why are older drivers being stopped from driving?
4. True or false? *The DVLA knows why the number of older drivers losing their licences has increased.*

## Vocabulary and definitions

<b>motorists</b>	开车的人群
<b>considered</b>	被认为是
<b>amongst</b>	其中
<b>accident-related</b>	由事故造成的
<b>injuries</b>	受伤
<b>medical reasons</b>	由于医疗原因
<b>banned</b>	禁止
<b>health</b>	健康
<b>figure</b>	数据
<b>clear</b>	明确, 清楚
<b>surge</b>	猛涨, 突然上升
<b>licence</b>	驾照
<b>on health grounds</b>	基于健康理由

## Answers to the questions

1. At what two times do people over 70 try not to drive?  
**Answer: They try not to drive at rush-hour or late at night.**
2. What do younger drivers cause more of than older drivers?  
**Answer: They cause more accident-related injuries**
3. Why are older drivers being stopped from driving?  
**Answer: They are being stopped because of health or medical reasons.**
4. True or false? *The DVLA knows why the number of older drivers losing their licences has increased.*  
**Answer: False. The DVLA is not clear on why there has been a large increase.**