

Driving When Using Continuous Inotropic Therapy

If you are using continuous inotropic infusion therapy, you may have driving restrictions. Discuss this with your care team.

Reasons You May Drive

- You have a working defibrillator in place.
- You have been stable on an inotropic infusion for at least 3 months. The defibrillator check shows no symptoms that can cause an altered state.
- You have no dizziness, defibrillator shocks, or arrhythmias.
- A heart failure doctor has decided your condition is stable.
- You have a 4-wheel, enclosed private vehicle to drive.

Vehicles You Cannot Drive

You cannot drive the vehicles listed below. This is not a complete list. Talk with your heart failure doctor if you have questions.

- Business vehicles (taxi cabs, semi-trucks, buses, etc.)
- All-terrain vehicles
- Motorcycles

Driving Distance from Home

Talk with your heart failure doctor if you want to drive more than 2 hours away from home. They must give permission.

Changes in Your Condition

Changes in your medical condition (including being in the hospital) may mean you cannot drive. A heart failure doctor will decide when you can drive again.

If these guidelines are **not** followed, we have the right to report unsafe activity to your state's Department of Transportation.