Do You Have a Communication Disability?

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If you have a diagnosed communication disability, you can voluntarily enroll in a database that connects to the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS). Through this data system, law enforcement is made aware that the driver, or a person in the vehicle, may have difficulty communicating with an officer.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Am I required to identify as a person with a communication disability?**

  No, identification is voluntary.

- **How will law enforcement know I have a communication disability?**

  If pulled over, police officers will be alerted through LEADS that you have a communication disability when they enter the license plate number into their system.

- **Will police officers know what type of communication disability I have?**

  No. Due to confidentiality, police officers will not have that information. They will only know that the registered person, or someone who frequently travels in the vehicle, has a communication disability.

- **Do I have to disclose personal medical information in order to identify as someone with a communication disability?**

  No, you do not have to disclose personal medical information. However, a licensed practitioner must sign the Communication Disability Verification Form to verify that you have a diagnosed condition.

- **How do I identify as a person with a communication disability?**

  You may download the Verification Form from the OOD website by visiting ood.ohio.gov, click on the Information tab, then click on the Communication Disability Law tab to find the Verification Form. Applicants may mail a completed form to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles/ Vehicle Information Services, P.O. Box 16521, Columbus, Ohio 43216-6521, or scan and email to VIS-Administration@dps.ohio.gov, or deliver to any Deputy Registrar.

- **How will I know that my communication disability form has been received?**

  You will receive a confirmation receipt sent to the email address you provided on the form.

For additional questions, please contact:

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