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TITLE: Control of the Negligent Driver--Part III: Six Year After Action Driving Record

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PROTECT OBJECTIVE:

To examine the percentage of drivers who either remained in or returned to the negligent driver category after original action; to arrive at a profile of the drivers who remained negligent drivers.

SUMMARY:

The driver records of 4,034 negligent drivers were analyzed for a six-year period after their first contact with the Department of Motor Vehicles. One in six remained a negligent driver during the first three years after action and one-fourth of these remained negligent drivers for the entire six-year period after the first action. For the entire sample of negligent drivers there was a significant improvement in the driving record for the second three years when compared with the first three years after the original action. For both three-year periods the driver record of the sample was significantly poorer than that of the average California driver. For convictions and accidents there was a general trend of high subsequent counts' being associated with high prior counts. Men were significantly overrepresented; in the negligent-driver sample the ratio of men to women was 50 to 2 while in the driving population the ratio was 3 to 2. More young and fewer older negligent drivers remained in the negligent-driver category. Revoked and suspended negligent drivers remained negligent drivers more often than did negligent drivers who received probation or no action as a first action.

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None.

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None.