

TITLE: Strengths and Limitations of Accident Data in a Drivers License Setting

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PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

To elucidate for the transportation research community the importance and limitations of using accident data in making driver licensing decisions.

SUMMARY:

Although the use of accident data and driver accident rates often cannot be avoided in evaluating driver license programs, they do suffer from a variety of limitations. Most of these relate to their stochastic nature and relative infrequency, which make them insensitive measures of actual driving behavior.

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Not applicable.

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