



Disability Database Ohio House Bill 144 EMS / Firefighter / 911 Access

As part of recent statutory changes enacted by Ohio House Bill 144, the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) provides the following information to public safety entities who are seeking access to the "Disability Database."

Ohio House Bill 144 permits emergency medical service personnel, firefighters, law enforcement officers, and county 9-1-1 systems access to individuals who have requested to be included in the disability database. Ohio Revised Code 5502.08 defines a disability as "an intellectual impairment, a hearing impairment (including deafness), a speech or language impairment, a visual impairment (including blindness), a serious emotional disturbance, an orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury, a serious health impairment, a specific learning impairment (including dyslexia), deaf-blindness, or a mental health condition with symptoms that make it difficult for a person to do certain activities or to interact with others."

The Ohio BMV is responsible for maintaining the database and identifying the access point for those permitted public safety entities. The database is limited to only individuals who have completed the necessary form and affirmed their personal data may be shared. Please note if an individual is not in the database, the public safety entity will receive a message indicating that no person has registered with the "Disability Database" matching the search criteria.

To acquire access to the disability database, please submit the below information to Jeff Payne at JPayne@dps.ohio.gov:

- Entities must submit a request for access on their agency's letterhead. The applicant must provide the name, contact phone number, and email address for each individual needing access.
- If submitting multiple requests, please indicate the name and email address of the contact individual who should receive the response back from the Ohio BMV. A follow-up email to those identified above will include a user guide and application.
- It is important that a user does not share account information and only access data from their individual account.
- The BMV must be notified if an individual is no longer with the government entity. This is to safeguard the data by removing user privileges.
- Please note unauthorized use of the website is prohibited. The Ohio BMV maintains a transaction log and will restrict access if misuse is identified.

If your organization is interested in establishing an API to integrate the data into your system, please contact Jeff Payne and request additional information for an API.