

## 89-year-old woman ran over by senior driver wants stricter laws

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This week a 90-year-old woman drove into a home in Peoria. Two weeks ago an 87-year-old driver drove through a classroom in Gilbert, killing one person.

And back in May another older driver hit the gas instead of the brakes and drove through Joann Fabrics, running over a woman.

The victim of that collision is now speaking out, hoping for stricter driving laws for older drivers.

89-year-old Margaret Hodgin doesn't remember the day an SUV slammed into Joann Fabrics and ran over her.

"Every day I'm hoping to get better. I'm walking now which is a big thing."

Margaret is back home after being hospitalized since May. She almost died. Her heart stopped three times -- her pelvis was shattered.

"I'm here because so many people helped me."

Now Margaret is hoping her story will help others. She wants stricter and more frequent driving tests for older drivers. Charges weren't filed against the 78-year-old woman who ran over Margaret.

"I just feel where you're driving, you have full responsibility for anything that happens."

Margaret's daughter thinks there should be more than a mandatory eye test for senior citizens every 5 years.

"They still have to be accountable. If taking a license away is something, that to me is reasonable because you don't want this to happen to another family," says Sheri Ohland, Margaret's daughter.

A family like that of Lacey Guntorad. The 22-year-old was killed last month after an 87-year-old driver drove through a classroom at Spa Pima.

"I give my heart out to this family that lost their daughter. For her, her life was just beginning," says Hodgin.

The county attorney says these cases are hard to prosecute because there was really no criminal intent. Margaret and her family hope to work with a state lawmaker to change driving tests.

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