



Tips for Using Hired Transportation on Prom Night



If your teen is using hired transportation for prom night (i.e. a limousine service, party bus, etc.), ensure that they are in good hands by following these tips:

Ask the Company:

- How long have you been in business?
- Are each of your drivers licensed and insured?
- Are each of your vehicles licensed and insured?
- Since this is a group of high school students, how will you ensure they aren't drinking or bringing alcohol into the vehicle?
- Will you be checking bags, coolers, etc.?
- If the driver suspects that there is underage drinking occurring in the vehicle, what is their protocol?
- What will your driver do if my teen asks to go somewhere that is not on the pre-approved list of locations?
- Do your drivers have to pass drug tests?

Be Sure To:

- Exchange phone numbers with the driver and encourage them to call you if there are any signs of underage drinking or other illegal behavior.
- Provide the addresses for the prom and after prom and instruct the driver to only go to locations you approve.
- Ask the company to not use the privacy screen so that they can be fully aware of what is happening in the vehicle.
- Give the transportation company a curfew and set designated times that you want the vehicle to arrive at specific locations.

Remember: There is no "responsible use" of alcohol by minors. Not only does allowing minors to consume alcohol send a message that some laws are meant to be broken, adolescent drinking may bring about a host of dangers and lifelong ramifications. The adolescent brain is very vulnerable to the harms of alcohol and other drug use. In fact, any alcohol or other drug use before the age of 21 drastically increases the chance of developing a dependence on the substance in the future. Take a stand and make it clear to your teen that you don't approve of underage drinking or drug use.



It's time to celebrate! Help teens celebrate sober.
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