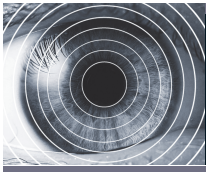


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Warning of the Risks of Children and Limousines

SOME OPS FEEL TEENAGERS WHO RENT LIMOUSINES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS JUST WANT TO HIDE ILLEGAL ACTIVITY

By Dale Hulvey and Barbara Lovett

We would like anyone with children at home who is being asked to rent a limousine for school events such as balls, proms, graduations, birthdays, or any other reason to know the possible truth behind why they want a limousine.

The fact of the matter is that some young people who want to hire a limousine are attempting to hide illegal activity, just as some adults do. It is the desire of our company, Limoport Transportation, to use this opportunity to give you advice on the do's and don'ts of using a limousine service for your children.



■ Dale Hulvey and Barbara Lovett send a cautionary letter to the parents of teenagers renting limos.

Do not allow your children to shop for a limousine for themselves. Seldom will your children choose a limousine from a reputable company that will monitor their activity. Many children want to find a limousine company that will allow them to smoke cigarettes, do drugs, drink alcohol, or do anything else they desire without restriction.

Never allow the limousine to sit idle at a restaurant or event for fear the children will use it as a private hotel room. You, as the responsible parent renting the limousine, will be required to sign a contract with our limousine company naming you liable for all the children's actions in the vehicle. If you are not required to sign such a contract, you are endorsing the limousine company to allow illegal activity among the children in the limousine.

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Signing this contract makes you liable for underage smoking, drug use, alcohol consumption, and anything else ANY of the children may do in the limousine. We have heard of cases where law enforcement arrests the signatory parent for multiple counts of contributing to the delinquency of minors. So make each parent sign for liability of their child, just as you will sign up for the liability of all children who will ride in the limousine.



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The limousine will take the children to the event and usually sit idle waiting for them. Instead, have the limousine come back and transport parents to a special event or enjoy a ride around town. When the parents use the limousine in between it makes the children nervous and helps them follow the rules even though the adults and children never see one another.

Help the chauffeur by not allowing backpacks or purses in the limousine. This is one common method used by children to get drugs and alcohol into the vehicle. Let your children know that you care and therefore have rented a limousine, where they will be punished appropriately if they break the law.

Our company allows law enforcement agencies to search its limousines with or without cause anytime the law enforcement agency desires to do so.

Many children and even some adults are arrested each year due to the policy of permitting law enforcement searches.

Our company also advertises for and hires current or retired law enforcement officers as chauffeurs. **LCT**

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