

What is the Safe Ride Program?

The Safe Ride Program is designed to keep young people from driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. It also seeks to provide youth with safe rides in other emergency situations.

By calling Yellow Cab, a young person can request a safe ride, and Second Presbyterian Church will pay for it.

In a perfect world, all of our youth would make smart decisions and not drink, but we know that is not always the case. When young people do make poor choices, we hope that they are able and willing to call a parent to get them safely home. We know that doesn't always happen either. We hope that this program will give youth another option to make a good choice, and that it will save lives in the process.



Second Presbyterian Safe Ride Program

Don't get stuck in an unsafe situation.

Call a cab.

An outreach of Second Presbyterian Church's Youth Ministry

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Questions and Answers

How do I use the Safe Ride Program?

You need a validated “2nd Presbyterian Church Safe Ride Program” voucher card (signed by Britton Varn) to be able to make use of the service. You must call the number listed on the card and give the church’s account number in order to request a ride. At the beginning of the ride, you must give the cab driver the card.

Do I have to have any money to use the Safe Ride Program?

No. The church will pay for the cab ride. Second Presbyterian Church has a Corporate Account that will be charged at the end of the month.

Where can I get a validated voucher card?

Cards will be available in the Youth Building and on the bulletin board outside Britton’s office on a regular basis. It is suggested that you carry a card in your wallet or purse.

Do I have to take the cab alone, or should I ride with someone?

You could ride alone in an emergency, but if you can, you are encouraged to take the cab ride with a buddy.

Do I have to tell my name to the cab company?

No. We do not want to create any barriers to using this service. You can use our “code names” when you call for the cab. Boys can use the name Steven Potter and girls can use the name Sarah Potter. The Youth Ministry believes that it would act to deter youth from calling the cab company if they had to disclose their names.

Will the church know that I used the Safe Ride Program?

The church will receive a bill at the end of each month that will tell the number of rides charged to our corporate account. We will have no way of knowing who used these rides.

Will my parents be contacted if I use the program?

Since youth do not have to disclose their names to use the program, the church does not know who used it, and will not (can not) contact parents. The Youth Ministry believes that contacting parents would deter youth from using the program.

Do I have to be a member of Second Presbyterian Church to use the program?

Safe Ride is intended to keep the youth of Second Presbyterian Church safe. While we will be publicizing the program only to youth of our church, we would like to keep all drivers under the influence of drugs or alcohol off the road. If someone has a validated voucher card, he or she can use the program.

What if youth abuse the program?

Voucher cards must be validated in order to be used. This will prevent mass production of the cards. If we find that the service is being used heavily, we will investigate why and decide what action to take.

Isn’t this program going to enable youth with drug and alcohol problems?

The Youth Ministry does not believe it will enable youth to make poor decisions, but will help youth who have already made a poor decision turn around and make a good decision. We feel that it is of crucial importance to keep youth under the influence of drugs and/ or alcohol off the roads in order to decrease the number of alcohol and drug-related wrecks and deaths.

How will the Youth Ministry know if the program has been a success?

The Youth Ministry feels that if the program is used just once by one young person in an unsafe situation, it will be a success.

