Reducing Individual Dangers and Encouraging Safety

Better Safe Then Sorry!

Drinking and Driving is against the law. Alcohol slows down the central nervous system and a person's reaction time with each and every sip. Even if a person is under the legal limit which in the state of Connecticut is .08, crashes and other problems are still more likely to occur. Be responsible and don't drink and drive!

It is best to have planned safety strategies in the case that you find yourself in an unsafe situation. For example, if you are on a date and you feel threatened and uncomfortable, but do not have your own ride; or if you are left at a party by your friends, and there is no one you trust to drive you home. Choose R.I.D.E.S. to get home safely.

If you feel you are in immediate danger...

Call 911
**How Does R.I.D.E.S. Work**

**R.I.D.E.S.** is a program designed to offer students a responsible mode of transportation when one is needed. **R.I.D.E.S.** is available to students 24 hours a day and can be used for any reason with “no questions asked”. It is especially designed for circumstances when you might lack cash, but need a safe way to get out of an uncomfortable situation.

**When Can I Use R.I.D.E.S.**

**R.I.D.E.S.** is available to students seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Students will be given a card which lists the cab companies participating in the **R.I.D.E.S.** program.

- Only the cab companies listed in this brochure are participating in the R.I.D.E.S. program.
- Students must make sure that the call to cancel a pick-up if they decide they don’t need a ride.
- Students may take the cab to and from any destination within a 50 mile radius of the campus.

Any student enrolled in classes at SCSU may use the RIDES program through out the academic year and winter/summer sessions.

**What Do I Need to Use the R.I.D.E.S. Program**

- Students must have a valid SCSU Hoot Loot ID card and be a student at SCSU.
- Students must present their ID card to the driver at the time of pick-up.
- Only 4 students may ride in a cab at one time.

The student who presents their SCSU Hoot loot card is responsible for payment within the 14 days.

**Who Pays for R.I.D.E.S.**

The Student Government Association believes in supporting students and has agreed to provide funding for this program to insure that students receive a safe ride to and from their destination. Students will not have to pay for the cab ride at the time of service but will be expected to pay back the Student Government Association within 14 days of using the service. Students will be able to pay for the cab ride with their Hoot loot card.

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