

FREQUENT QUESTIONS ABOUT **SAFE RIDES**

Q. I don't drive. Can I still join?

A. **YES! We need you to work in the office and answer the phones. Members with a passenger car and a license are always needed as Drivers. Navigators [2nd person in the car] must be licensed one month.**

Q. How old do I have to be to join?

A. **15, and in High School.**

Q. I'm REALLY busy with school, sports, a job and other things. How often do I have to do this?

A. **You are only required to work a few hours a month. ONE Friday OR Saturday night, one meeting a month on the 1st Monday at 7:00 p.m. and 2 hours at a fundraiser or other activity 2 times a year.**

Q. Can I use SAFE RIDES for the community service hours I need at school?

A. **Check with your advisor, but in most cases SAFE RIDES qualifies. Some teachers require only 10 hours. SAFE RIDES asks each member to stay active in the program for 6 months.**

Q. I have a ticket on my record and my friend crashed his car, can we still join? Can we drive?

A. **It depends on the situation. If you don't qualify as a Driver, maybe you can be a Navigator. ANY CONVICTIONS RELATED TO ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS will disqualify you from SAFE RIDES membership.**

Q. I called SAFE RIDES once and they asked a lot of questions. Does anyone find out who calls?

A. **NO! We never tell anyone who calls. It's confidential! We need certain information to get the caller home, such as: Where they are and how many people need a ride.**

Q. What do you do if someone you pick up, freaks out in the car?

A. **The SAFE RIDES training teaches the members how to handle situations so they don't become a problem.**

Q. I'm not sure my parents will let me join, and what about insurance for Drivers?

A. **Sign up [just in case], go home and talk to them. If they have any questions or concerns, have them call 259-6330 and the SAFE RIDES Advisor will be glad to talk to them. Each California vehicle owner is required to carry liability insurance, SAFE RIDES volunteers are covered by additional group liability insurance.**

Q. Do a lot of people call for rides?

A. **Last year more than a 1,000 local teens got a Safe Ride home, but more people need to remember to call for a SAFE RIDE home.**

Q. What if I can't make it to this training?

A. **Please try to be there. There won't be another one for six months!**

We need you now!
