

## **LIMOS & PARTY BUSES TIPS FOR PARENTS**

**1. Allow no more than *eight* teens in a limo.** Limiting the number increases your chances of knowing each student and his or her parents, and putting your kids in a comfortable situation because they are with friends, rather than strangers. Limo busses are not a good idea. Please be aware that students often decide to stay on the bus and not disembark at the dance, leaving them for several hours without supervision.

**2. Limit the group to good friends and acquaintances.** Some dances allow guests, but Non-students are not allowed to attend unless they've completed a guest pass application that has been approved. If guests are allowed, guest pass applications and information can be found on the TPHS website. We do not allow guests at the Homecoming dance.

**3. Inspect the limo before you let your kids get inside.** Many limos come fully stocked with alcohol. Do not allow students who have not bought a ticket to ride in the limo.

**4. Do not have alcohol present at the pre-dance event.** This means no alcohol for parents and guests as well. This is simply modeling good behavior. Remember, the evening belongs to the kids; it is not your event.

**5. Require a written itinerary for your group.** Where they are dining, when they will get to the dance, when they will be picked up, where they are going after the dance, and where and when they will be dropped off at the end of the evening. Be aware of what is happening after the event. If students are participating in after-dance events, know what the plans are, where the students will be and who will be present to supervise.

**6. Research the company and meet with the limo driver, students and parents at the pick-up spot.** Make sure all students and parents are present as you explain your expectations. Make certain the driver has the written itinerary, and make it clear that you expect the itinerary to be followed. The driver is working for you, not for the students. Do not give the driver the final payment until you meet at the end of the evening. You can also check the validity of the license of the company by visiting: [http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/CEC/z\\_cpuconsumers/e\\_carriers.htm](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/CEC/z_cpuconsumers/e_carriers.htm)

**7. Suggest the specific neighborhood that is acceptable for dinner.** Areas for trouble in the past were restaurants in Pacific Beach, Mission Beach and the Gas Lamp District. Suggested locations where we've had little or no trouble include Del Mar, Rancho Santa Fe, Solana Beach, UTC, La Jolla, Carmel Valley and Coronado.

**8. Do not allow "just driving around" in the limo.** Nothing is accomplished by this, and it tends to be the time when trouble is most likely to occur.

**9. Be aware that we will be randomly testing students at the door with a breathalyzer.** Any teens showing signs of alcohol consumption will be excluded from the dance, and a parent or guardian will be called to take them home. School consequences for this infraction of our Discipline code include suspension and expulsion, and police may be contacted.

**10. Make sure you talk to your teens when they come home after the dance.** Spend some time talking about the evening and making sure they came home safe, sound and sober.