



SAFE TRANSPORT POLICY

Torrens Rowing Club
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Getting to and from training, regattas, activities and events with safe transport practices is an important part of having a responsible, healthy environment for members. We know sporting clubs have a great opportunity to aid general community safety around transport and drinking culture which can prevent tragedies in the local community.

Alcohol, drugs and fatigue affect pedestrians and drivers abilities to stay safe. They affect decision-making, reaction times, speed and distance judgements, concentration, balance, perception and alertness. It can also increase risk-taking behaviour by giving a pedestrian or driver a false sense of confidence.

1. RATIONALE

Torrens Rowing Club recognises that:

- It has a duty of care to all members and visitors involved in club-related activities and events and can play an important community safety role
- Fatigue plays a part in the ability to drive safely
- Mixing drugs (including prescription medication) with other drugs or alcohol can seriously affect the ability to drive safely
- Driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs is illegal and hazardous to individuals and the wider community
- Drink driving is one of the main causes of road deaths in Australia
- It takes one hour for each standard drink of alcohol consumed to be broken down by the liver
- It takes considerable time until a person can legally and safely drive home if they have consumed over the recommended levels of alcohol.

Accordingly, the following safe transport policy shall apply for all functions undertaken by the club that involve the serving and/or consumption of alcohol.

2. CLUB SAFE TRANSPORT ACTIONS

Torrens Rowing Club will:

- Create awareness of this policy to members and visitors in a variety of ways (i.e. club Facebook page, club website, player information, club newsletter, notice board and verbally at meetings and club activities and events).
- Implement strategies to create awareness of safe transport messages to club members (i.e. display standard drink posters / cards to help patrons recognise what standard drinks are and the implications on drink driving).
- Promote strategies your club offers that encourages members to plan how they'll get home safely before they go out. For example arrange a designated driver – it could be a mate, or the bus driver, taxi driver, mum, brother, girlfriend, or uncle.
- Promote strategies TRC offers that encourages members to plan how they'll get to and from early training sessions safely
- Print safe transport messages on relevant club activity and event invitations or flyers.
- The MC for events or club committee members will advise attendees that the club is a Good Sport accredited club, communicate the safe transport options and regularly remind attendees to drink and behave responsibly.
- Encourage attendees at functions to call a sober person to provide transport from the club or venue.

3. COMMITTEE MEMBERS, MEMBERS, AND OFFICIALS

Those attending club activities and events where they are planning on drinking alcohol are encouraged to:

- Make alternative transport arrangements to get to and from the activity safely.
- Share a taxi (where available) with friends.
- Ride with a driver who hasn't been drinking alcohol or taking drugs.
- Plan ahead and arrange overnight accommodation.

4. CLUBS WITH A LIQUOR LICENCE FOR ANY CLUB EVENTS OR FUNCTIONS

In specific cases, where a designated driver nominated by the club has accepted the responsibility to drive others home safely, the club will provide non-alcoholic drinks and/or bar food free of charge (or passengers will be encouraged to pay for these for their driver).

Bar staff/servers of alcohol shall:

- Encourage members and visitors to make alternate safe transport arrangements if they are considered to be intoxicated or at risk of exceeding .05 blood alcohol concentration (e.g. free call to a taxi/friend/family)
- Promote low alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks to consumers
- Be provided non-alcoholic drinks and bar food free of charge.

5. SAFE TRANSPORT STRATEGIES WHEN AVAILABLE OR FEASIBLE

- Remind club members to manage fatigue appropriately so it is safe for them to drive to early training sessions.
- Use a club or community bus (such as council, school or tourist buses) and:
 - The bus or transport provided will be an alcohol-free zone (i.e. no loading up the bus with alcohol or consuming alcohol on the bus).
 - The bus is not to be used to transport members between licensed venues (i.e. not to be used for a pub crawl).
 - People who have consumed alcohol are to make alternative safe transport arrangements to get from the bus drop-off to home.
- Provide designated sleeping areas on site, for selected club functions (where safe, possible and legal to do so) for members to use at the conclusion of the night. Members will need to bring a swag/sleeping bag.
- Use a range of taxi-related strategies such as:
 - Free telephone calls to arrange a taxi to provide transport from the club or venue
 - Clearly display taxi services telephone numbers in the club.
 - Print taxi company phone numbers on club function invitations or flyers.
 - Use taxi vouchers as raffles prizes and
 - The club committee will pre-order taxis to arrive at a club or venue at the conclusion of a club event or function.

6. POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed annually by the club committee to ensure it remains relevant to club operations, and reflects community expectations and legislation. Updates of this policy will be promoted as outlined above.

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Next policy review date is **July 9 2019**

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