

GUIDELINES FOR PASSENGERS RIDING WITH SCUSA

The behavior of passengers on vehicles is important for safe transportation. Services will be suspended or cancelled for passengers who are disruptive or who pose a threat or danger to themselves, to other passengers or to the driver as further explained below.

1. **No profanity** – This means no profanity/vulgar speech among the passengers and no profanity/vulgar speech when addressing the SCUSA driver.
2. **No feet in seats**, on the back of seats or in the aisles.
3. **No standing or moving about the van** after being seated until the vehicle stops at your destination.
4. **No physical contact with the driver or other passengers.** (Physical abuse to the driver or another passenger will result in immediate ban from riding the vehicle until further investigation is made. Person should be advised of their right of legal recourse and protection.)
5. **No unnecessary conversation with the driver** while he/she is operating the vehicle.
6. **No disruptive or abusive behavior** to other passengers or the driver.
7. **No screaming, loud talking, singing** or playing of loud music without earphones.
8. **No inappropriate display of affection or sexual activity.** This means with other passengers or the SCUSA driver.
9. **No intentional release of bodily waste**, including spitting, on the vehicle. (Those who have problems must be properly clothed before leaving home and before leaving the day program). This does not include instances of vomiting due to treatments, medication or illness.
10. **No eating, drinking, smoking or use of any other tobacco product** on the SCUSA vehicle. (Exception: some medical conditions that require food/drink at certain intervals – doctor’s note required).
11. **All passengers must wear seat belts** unless a note from a licensed physician is provided stating that a seat belt cannot be worn due to medical problems (**note must be updated annually**). All children under the age of 8 or under 80 pounds will be required to be secured in an appropriate car seat and accompanied by parent/guardian or agency monitor.
12. **No weapons of any kind** (knives, firearms, tasers, etc.) will be allowed on a SCUSA vehicle. (Weapons of any kind on vehicles will result in disciplinary action, up to and including a permanent ban from services)
13. The driver will reserve the right to **refuse transport to any passenger who appears to be intoxicated or under the influence of drugs.**
14. Other behaviors/incidents will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Incidents involving these behaviors may result in suspension from riding the SCUSA vehicle for one to thirty days depending on the severity of the behavior. Repeated suspensions will result in a permanent ban from riding SCUSA vehicles.

Intentional damage to SCUSA property will result in immediate disciplinary action; passenger will be required to pay for damages.

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