

NOROTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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TRANSPORTATION POLICY

All persons driving youth during a Middle School or High School activity will be at least twenty-one years of age or a Noroton Presbyterian Church employee, have a current driver's license, and be driving well maintained vehicles. No youth shall drive other teens during youth group activities and should only drive themselves if the destination is within a short distance of the church and their homes. Any participating youth driving themselves during youth group activities should be a last resort and only with permission from a parent/caregiver and an adult leader. Leaders and youth of opposite gender will not be allowed alone in a vehicle at anytime unless permission is given by the youth's parent/caregiver. All youth who arrive at an event, in the same vehicle, with friends or peers may leave that event with the aforementioned friends or peers.

The following rules will apply to all those traveling in vehicles involved in Student Ministry activities:

- 1. Seatbelts must be worn at all times.**
- 2. No hazardous, disruptive activity or noise will be permitted while the vehicle is moving. All passengers must follow the driver's instructions.**
- 3. Keep all objects inside the vehicle.**
- 4. All windows must be kept clear of objects that may obstruct the driver's view.**
- 5. In case of an accident or emergency, stop and do not exit the vehicle unless necessary, and never on the traffic side.**
- 6. Violation of these rules may result in the termination of the trip/event for the entire group or the removal of the offending individual(s) from the trip/event.**
- 7. The safety of all is the highest priority on any trip/event.**

In the event that a situation arises that is not specifically covered in this policy, leaders will use their best judgment when choosing a course of action.

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