



Impaired Driving Designated Driver Policy

Policy Statement:

The District of Sooke provides facilities and parks for assorted private and public social recreational functions at which alcohol is served. It is in the District of Sooke's best interest to ensure that the serving of alcohol is conducted prudently with the highest regard given to safety of patrons and the public at large. As the owner and/or operator of these facilities and parks the District of Sooke encourages responsible attitudes towards drinking and driving. Therefore, the following policy has been developed:

It is the policy of the District of Sooke that organizers of events at facilities and/or parks, at which alcohol is served, have in place a "Designated Driver Program."

1.0 Definitions

- 1.1 Designated Driver Program - An awareness intended to educate the public to plan alternate means of transportation after drinking alcohol. Promotional material may be available through ICBC, Counter Attack, Mothers Against Drinking Drivers, etc.
- 1.2 Municipal Facility - An arena, meeting centre or recreational centre, any building owned by or operated by the District of Sooke.
- 1.3 Municipal Park - Includes all developed and undeveloped "green spaces" for which the municipality is the owner or is responsible for, including recreational parks and sports fields.
- 1.4 Class "A" Event - An event for which admission is open to the public either at no cost or for which a fee has been charged.
- 1.5 Class "B" Event - An event for which admission is closed to invited guests or members only.

2.0 Regulations

- 2.1 All sponsors of events at the District of Sooke's facilities or Parks, at which alcohol is served, are requested to ensure that a "Designated Driver Program" is in place.
- 2.2 A Designated Driver Program for a Class "A" event should consist of no less than the following:
 - a) A Designated Driver announcement made to the assembled guests encouraging the use of a designated driver or alternate transportation for the event.
 - b) Designated Driver information posted prominently at each station where alcohol is served.
 - c) Designated Driver reminders at each table where guests will be seated.
- 2.3 A Designated Driver Program for a Class "B" event should consist of no less than the following:
 - a) Designated Driver information posted prominently at each station where alcohol is served.
 - b) Designated Driver reminders at each table where guests are seated.
- 2.4 In order to ensure that event organizers provide adequate information to their guests, the District of Sooke will provide the event organizers and/or sponsors with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of potential suppliers of Designated Driver promotional material. It shall be the responsibility of the event organizers/or sponsors to determine the quantity of material needed for their event. If additional materials are needed, it will be the responsibility of the event organizers and/or sponsors to obtain sufficient quantities directly from the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia and/or from others who support Designated Driver Programs.