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Hiring a limo service for your special event? Make sure it's licensed with the state

April 3, 2007 - - Planning a wedding? Going to the prom? If there's a special event in your future and you expect to hire a limousine service, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) cautions that all "for hire" transportation services must be licensed with the state.

"If you're planning to make your event extra special by using one of Michigan's quality limo services, we suggest you do your homework," said Sharon Edgar, administrator, Bureau of Passenger Transportation. "Always check references and be sure the company is licensed."

Limousine operators in Michigan are required to be licensed, carry sufficient liability insurance, and undergo annual safety inspections on all their vehicles.

Remember that a simple advertisement in the phone book, or a newspaper ad, does not guarantee the operator is licensed. Limousine operators that are not licensed are in violation of state law and subject to fines and possible imprisonment.

To find out if the limousine service you plan to use is licensed by the state, call MDOT's Passenger Transportation Bureau at 517-241-0680 or 517-241-0679 (from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday), or visit MDOT's Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdot. On the home page, under "Favorite Links," click on "Bus and Limo Information," then select "Current List of Carriers." If you do not see a limousine service listed, it is likely that the operator is providing service illegally and should not be hired.

So before you say "I do," check out any prospective limousine service to be sure its credentials are in order.

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