

Guest Program: Conditions and Disclosure of Risks

(Risk Note: Many of these are adapted from police ride-alongs. You should design your own. Do not bluff or deceive. Say only what is true and what you truly intend.)

Conditions and requirements of riding along with _____.

- Guests *may not* consume alcohol for 8 hours prior to tag-along. No one may ride who, in the opinion of the host, is impaired due to the influence of any intoxicant or substance.
- Guests *may not* carry defensive or offensive sprays, gasses, knives of any size, tasers, shockers, firearms, or any other weapons of any kind. This prohibition of weapons includes guests who have a permit to carry concealed weapons. (Exception may be granted for authorized law enforcement members.)
- Guests *may not* carry or use any recording devices, audio or visual. Recording in any medium is expressly forbidden. (Exception may be granted for authorized representatives of the news media.)
- Guests *must* wear a sport or dress shirt, slacks and shoes. Coat is optional. No skirts or dresses. Shoes should be low or no heel. Purses should be small with only essential items. Exceptions may be made by the host coordinator to meet operational needs. No guest may wear any clothing which might in any way appear to be any official uniform.
- Guests *must* maintain full confidentiality of all they see and hear during their tag-along. Our mission and duties legally requires confidentiality. *(Risk Note: Use only if true.)*
- Guests *must* adhere strictly to the host employee's directions at *all times*.
- WARNING. There may be no opportunity for breaks or eating periods. Guests should eat before their tours start. Guests buy their own food and beverages.
- WARNING. Although the host will try, there is no guarantee that guests will be returned to the office at their scheduled times. The host's duties take priority. Guests who schedule for less than an entire shift, but wish to complete the shift may do so if the host employee consents.
- WARNING. Guests may witness events which will be pertinent to proceedings before ____ (an administrative hearing, commission, court) _____. Guests may be identified in the host employee's report as a witness. Guests may be subpoenaed to testify to what they saw. Should a guest be subpoenaed, he or she is not entitled to and will not receive any compensation from this agency.
- WARNING. Host employees' official duties and personal safety and the safety and welfare of clients come before guests' safety and interests. Host employees have the discretion to terminate a tag-along and return guests to the office. Hosts may do so because they determine there is a potential for a conflict of interest, jeopardy, or undue interference with their tasks.
- WARNING. This agency or the host employee may or may not know that a call a host and guest are heading toward is hazardous. The host may not be able to let a guest exit the vehicle or cancel the tag-along until after response to the call is completed. At the scene, threats may approach unannounced. Guests' presence at or near the scene may increase their risks of injury, maiming, or death. Hosts may be unable to protect their guests. There are no guarantees. Deciding to tag-along means that the guest understands and accepts these risks. It also means the guest agrees to not hold the State of Oregon, its agencies, employees, or agents morally or financially responsible for any injuries, losses, or damages arising from the tag-along experience.

NOTICE: Guests, without their knowledge, may undergo a criminal history check and other routine investigation of their background prior to participating in the tag-along program.

First, carefully read this Conditions and Disclosure of Risks. Then, read and sign the Release From Liability on the reverse.