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Dear Taxi Driver:

From time to time you may be asked to drive a Tipsy Taxi customer home. Because these people are intoxicated, we are providing you with some medical guidelines to help you deal with them.

Many people, as you know, drink alcohol in moderation with no long-term adverse effects. However, occasionally people will drink to the point that they may be a real danger to themselves or others. If this occurs while a person is in your taxi, *you must seek medical help immediately for that person.*

If a person is unable to walk, is unable to talk coherently, is extremely disoriented or agitated, or is throwing up, medical help should be sought immediately. Be aware that occasionally a passenger may initially appear to be OK and then his condition may deteriorate rapidly in a matter of minutes if he drank a lot of alcohol just before getting into your taxi (for example, chugged a pint of vodka). He may get into your taxi quite normally and the "crash". *If this happens, get help immediately.*

If you have an emergency with your passenger, dial 9-1-1.

Otherwise, if a person can walk and talk OK, knows who he is and where he is going, he will probably be OK. *If in doubt, call for help.*

Sincerely,


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