

## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING

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## **Notice to Limousine Carriers**

Complaints regarding limousines improperly operating at cruise ship terminals have prompted us to take the following immediate corrective actions:

- 1. Increased limousine law enforcement: City of Seattle inspectors and Port of Seattle Police will add patrols at Seattle piers.
- 2. More citations: Patrols will cite limousine carriers for soliciting, obstructing, lack of records, operating as a taxi, and other charges authorized in State law (Chapter 46.72A RCW), State rule (Chapter 308-83 WAC) and City and Port regulations.
- **3. Quick complaint follow-up:** Limousine complaints from piers will be prioritized and investigated quickly, potentially leading to charges.
- **4. Audits:** Carriers found operating illegally will more likely be audited this year, potentially resulting in significant fines and/or license suspension.

## Remember:

- **Do not:** Solicit, arrange, or accept a new fare while you are at the terminal. All fares must be prearranged and you must show proof of that when stopped.
- **Do not:** Obstruct traffic by cruising for fares or waiting illegally in designated parking, drop-off or pickup areas. Follow limousine laws and local traffic and business regulations or be fined or suspended.

Are you properly licensed and operating legally? Go to <a href="www.dol.wa.gov/business/limousine/">www.dol.wa.gov/business/limousine/</a> or call (360) 664-6466 to find out before you get ticketed, charged, fined, or suspended.

Help protect your clients and business. Go to <a href="www.dol.wa.gov/forms/600006K.pdf">www.dol.wa.gov/forms/600006K.pdf</a> to file a complaint against an unlicensed, illegal or unsafe operation you see – we will follow up.

Thank you,

Department of Licensing
Limousine and For Hire Program