



Renee's Royal Valet

THE ULTIMATE LIMOUSINE EXPERIENCE

Top 10 Tips When Renting a Limousine for a Prom or Homecoming

1. The Cheapest Is NOT Always the Best

The biggest error you could make when shopping for a prom or homecoming limousine is searching based on price. In the limousine industry, there are many variances of quality and price. All too often, a cheaper price translates into a larger risk for you. If you shop for a limousine service based on price alone, you will likely be frustrated and disappointed with your limousine experience.

RISKS YOU TAKE WHEN SHOPPING FOR A PROM OR HOMECOMING LIMOUSINE BASED ON PRICE ALONE:

- Your limousine does not show up. You miss your prom.
- Your limousine shows up late. You miss your prom.
- An older model limousine arrives at your door when you were expecting a newer model. Instead of being lavished in luxury, you are embarrassed.
- Your limousine shows up with an unprofessional chauffeur in jeans and a t-shirt with poor hygiene.
- Your limousine service gets into an accident and does not have proper insurance to cover the damages involved in your injuries.
- Your limousine breaks down on the freeway to your after prom party. Instead of enjoying after-prom festivities, you and your date have to call your parents for a ride.

2. Reserve Early

Since limos are in high demand during prom season, plan to book your limousine early. Within the Minneapolis and St Paul areas we recommend booking your transportation two to three months before prom. This should give you enough time to make the arrangements.

3. Get a Signed Contract for Your Prom

Reliable and professional services will provide you with a signed contract for service. Companies who can't supply a contract may not be confident in their ability to fulfill.

4. Ask About Limousine Insurance and Permits

All limousine services in the Twin Cities are required to carry commercial livery insurance and register with MN Department of Transportation. If need be, ask for proof of these with your signed contract.

5. Ask About Limo Industry Associations

Companies who belong to industry associations usually must abide by special insurance regulations and service rules. Reputable associations such as the National Limousine Association (NLA) and the local livery association such as the Minnesota Chauffeured Transportation Association (MCTA) are good indications that your service provider does their due diligence. The Better Business Bureau is another very good resource to see if a Twin Cities company you are thinking about hiring has had any complaints.

6. Ask to See the Company's Limousines

Check out the vehicle you plan on renting for prom. You don't want to be surprised on your big prom day by an older stretch limousine when you are expecting a newer model.

7. Choose Your Ride

You should consider how many people you'll be traveling with. Do you want to organize a group of friends or go solo with your date? Figure out exactly how many people will be in your Prom group since that will determine the type of vehicle that you will need.

8. Determine How Much Time You Will Need

Consider how long you're going to need the limousine for. Most companies within the Minneapolis and St Paul areas have 5 to 6 hour minimums on the weekends.

9. Method of Payment

Does the limousine company accept credit cards? If not, they may be only a part-time company.

10. Ask What is Included in the Prom Package

We provide ice, crystal glassware, napkins, soda & water. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed or tolerated. If alcoholic beverages are found the reservation is terminated and your parents will be responsible for picking you up.