

# Professional Football Players Should Always Choose a Safe Ride

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More often than we should, we hear about professional athletes in the news who made the wrong choice and got behind the wheel after drinking. No one should be excused for making that choice, because it causes horrendous pain and irreparable damage to the lives of people who encounter drunk drivers and to those who lose loved ones to wrongful death.

Football players in the National Football League have even more of a reason never to [drive drunk](#), because the NFL Players Association provides a free safe ride program.

The name of the safe ride program offered by the NFL is Safe Ride Solutions. The players' union offers the safe ride program for all NFL players and employees of the NFL. The program provides service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

There is no fee or surcharge to players for the cost of the program. Players only need to pay for the cost of the ride. The program's service is available in every city that has an NFL team and in some additional areas.

In addition to the players' union safe ride program, 22 of the 32 NFL teams have their own programs. The team programs are meant to supplement the players' union program.

One of the most enthusiastic teams on the issue of drunk driving prevention is the Buffalo Bills. The Bills have two programs for their team in addition to the NFL players' union program. When players are in Buffalo, they are encouraged to use the service provided by the team, and when players are outside of Buffalo during the offseason, the team encourages players to use the union's service.

Professional football players have enough choices available that they never need to get behind the wheel while [under the influence](#). Even though the rest of us may not have similar programs easily available, however, we have the same choice not to drive drunk.

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