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## **Uber Admits New “Bring Your Own Device” Program Enables Unsafe Individuals to Drive for Company Despite Claims to Be Fortifying Background Checks, Uber Creates New Offering That Will Allow Unscreened Drivers to Slip Through Cracks**

**ROCKVILLE, Md.**—Uber has launched a new program in Boston, Charlotte and San Francisco that makes it easier for drivers who have never received criminal background checks or been approved to drive for the company to end up behind the wheel.

The new program is called [“Bring Your Own Device.”](#) Typically, the Uber driver app is loaded directly onto a company phone that Uber supplies. This new program places the UberDriver app online. Clearly it will cut Uber’s costs, however, now anyone with an iPhone4S or newer can load the Uber driver app on to their phone. All that an unapproved driver requires to commence making pickups and collecting fares is the approved driver’s username and password.

Whether or not the driver is officially approved to drive for Uber, the company generates money from the transaction.

According to reports, the approved Uber driver and an illegitimate operator cannot use the same driver app at the same time. Prior to pickup, an Uber passenger receives the driver’s name, photo, vehicle type and license plate number. Despite this precaution, there have been [reports](#) of Uber drivers gaming the system to drive for the company without passing [Uber’s already lax background checks](#) or being officially approved to drive by the company.

[An Uber spokesperson has admitted](#) that the “Bring Your Own Device” program could result in unapproved drivers—who have never received a criminal background check—driving for the company.

“Uber’s new ‘Bring Your Own Device’ program will more easily enable Uber drivers to subcontract driving work to unscreened and unapproved associates,” said Dave Sutton, spokesperson for ‘Who’s Driving You?’ [“Uber claims to be auditing its notoriously bad background checks](#) but launching this program will make it easier still for felons and other dangerous people to drive for the company.”

### **ABOUT US:**

‘Who’s Driving You?’ is a public-safety campaign designed to educate the public about the dangers of unlicensed transportation companies. It is an initiative of the Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association, an international non-profit trade association whose membership consists of 1,100 licensed

transportation companies. For more information, visit [www.WhosDrivingYou.org](http://www.WhosDrivingYou.org), follow us on Twitter (@WhosDrivingYou) and follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/WhosDrivingYou)

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