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Ridesharing Drivers at Airport Found Lacking Licenses, Registrations and Insurance

ROCKVILLE, Md.— Despite repeated assurances that Uber and Lyft are properly vetting their drivers, San Francisco airport authorities recently found outrageous infractions that put the public at risk.

In addition to the fact that so-called “ridesharing” companies are not supposed to be entering airport grounds in the first place, some of their drivers weren’t allowed to be driving at all.

Drivers caught operating illegally at San Francisco International Airport (SFO) have included **two** without proper driver’s licenses, **two** unlicensed drivers, **five** with no registration, **eight** without even personal auto insurance, and **20** vehicles operated by someone other than the car’s registered owner.

Doug Yakel, spokesperson for SFO, also told the ‘Who’s Driving You?’ campaign that more than 360 verbal warnings have been issued since April to so-called “rideshare” drivers at the airport. He said 12 have received a second warning. Drivers who receive a third warning will be issued a court summons for trespassing, he said.

The operation to find out exactly who is behind the wheel comes as California’s Public Utilities Commission grapples with the question of how to properly regulate “ridesharing” so that the public is protected.

Uber says on its website that drivers are “thoroughly screened through a rigorous process we’ve developed.” Lyft says it “runs in-person driver screenings.”

“How on earth could these companies say with a straight face that they have background checked and vetted their drivers when apparently they can’t even flag the fact a driver doesn’t have a driver’s license?” said Dave Sutton, spokesperson of the ‘Who’s Driving You?’ campaign. “The disdain these companies have for public safety is profound. Their lies are catching up to them.”

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, follow us on Twitter (@WhosDrivingYou) and follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/WhosDrivingYou).

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