What is SafeRides Connect and how does it work?

SafeRides Connect is an on-demand van service providing a safe ride for individuals (or small groups up to three people) traveling at night in areas of campus where standard bus service is unavailable. Trips must be within the designated SafeRides boundaries (see map on the next page). To ride, just present a valid iCard or pay a \$1 fare.

SafeRides operates during the University of Illinois (UI) Fall & Spring Semesters. During breaks (Fall, Winter, & Spring), SafeRides service is reduced. During the UI Summer Sessions I & II there is no SafeRides service.

Trip requests will be taken until 6AM during UI Fall/Spring semesters and 12AM over breaks. A service calendar is provided on the following page.

Request a trip in the MTD Connect (by Via) app or by phone at 217.384.8188. Please note, as of December 19, 2022, the former app, (MTD Connect by Routematch) is no longer functional; users should download the new app (MTD Connect powered by Via).

A SafeRides request is not eligible and may be denied if the trip:

Travels out of the service boundaries

Includes more than three people

Duplicates fixed-route bus service

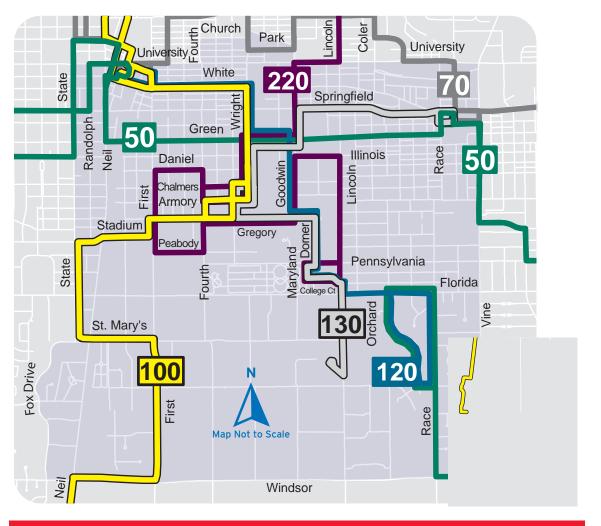
Is going to or from bars

Acts as an emergency medical transport



Sunday

SafeRides Connect Evening



When does SafeRides operate?



There is no SafeRides Connect on holidays when MTD is not in service (see page 3 for dates, including Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve) and during the University of Illinois Summer Sessions I and II.

Weekday

Evening

Saturday

Sunday