



SIDNE (Simulated Impaired Driving Experience)



Description

SIDNE is a battery-powered go-cart that simulates the effects of impairment on driving skills. The simulator operates in two modes, Normal and Impaired. In Normal Mode, the simulator's steering, braking, and acceleration respond appropriately. In Impaired Mode, SIDNE reacts with delayed steering, braking, and acceleration, similar to how a driver would react if driving while impaired. Participants drive the simulator around a pre-determined course first in Normal Mode and then in Impaired Mode to gain awareness of the dangers of impaired driving.

Special Considerations and Restrictions

Do **NOT** ride SIDNE if you:

- Have any heart condition;
- Have any head, neck, leg, spine, or back problem;
- Have had any recent surgery or long-term illness;
- Have any physical injury or problem known to you that will or may be affected by participation;
- Have any history of a heart condition;
- Have high blood pressure;
- Have a hernia;
- Have ever been treated for cancer;
- Are pregnant or think you might be pregnant; or
- Are recovering from any recent injury, illness, surgery, or medical procedure.

Age/Weight/Height Restrictions:

To ride SIDNE you:

- Must be at least 13 years old;

- Must weigh between 80 and 250 pounds; and
- Must be at least 4'9" in height.

**STATEMENT OF INFORMED CONSENT AND RELEASE
AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT**

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ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS

In consideration for the offer and permission by the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) to participate in a demonstration of and to ride in or upon SIDNE, the undersigned voluntarily assumes all risks in connection with such participation. As further consideration for such participation, the undersigned hereby exempts, releases, and discharges MDOT and the Mississippi Transportation Commission, their owners, directors, officers, trustees, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, costs, damages, expenses, claims, demands, actions, or causes of action whatsoever arising out of any damage, loss, or injury to the person or property of the undersigned or the undersigned's child or ward caused either directly or indirectly or arising in any way out of participation in or through the use or operation of SIDNE.

I certify that I have carefully read this document, that I fully understand its terms and conditions, and that I have signed it voluntarily and willingly. **THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY SHOULD NOT BE SIGNED IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT OR DO NOT AGREE WITH ITS TERMS.**

I acknowledge and understand that SIDNE simulates the effects of impairment on driving skills and I further acknowledge that I have been advised that when riding in or upon SIDNE, the participant:

- Should keep his/her mouth closed and head back against the seat and be facing forward during the entire demonstration;
- Is at least 18 years of age or is at least 13 years of age and have the permission of a parent or a guardian to participate; and
- Is of sufficient height and weight as determined herein for proper adjustment of the seatbelt.

I hereby represent to MDOT that I do comply or will comply with the above-referenced Special Considerations and Restrictions and with all requirements for participation that are presented herein. I further represent that my child/ward complies or will comply with the above-referenced Special Considerations and Restrictions and with all requirements for participation that are presented herein.

I give my permission for my child/ward to participate in a demonstration of SIDNE sponsored by MDOT. I understand that participation is a voluntary opportunity for my child/ward to gain instruction and awareness of the dangers of impaired driving. I hereby acknowledge and agree that such participation has inherent risks which may range in levels of severity from physical injury to emotional trauma.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, I (or my child/ward) have (has) no physical ailment or physical condition (see Special Considerations and Restrictions) that could either be further aggravated or be adversely affected by riding SIDNE.

I acknowledge that the participant is riding SIDNE of my/his/her own free will, assumes the risk of any injuries to my/his/her person or property that may be sustained from this ride, and will not hold MDOT or the Mississippi Transportation Commission, or their agents and employees, liable or permit anyone or any entity to bring action on my/his/her behalf for any injury or damage caused by SIDNE.

Name: (printed) _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 18,
or Guardian of Ward: _____

Operator's Name: _____ Location: _____