

Ridesharing Tips

- ✓ Decide if you are going to drive alternate days, drive every day, or ride every day.
- ✓ If it is not a shared driving arrangement, agree on a payment schedule.
- ✓ Set up a line of communication. If someone cannot make it on a given day, let the driver know in advance (if possible the day before). Don't forget to give notice of days you won't be sharing the ride due to personal schedules and plans.
- ✓ Establish time schedules and pick-up points. Be prompt.
- ✓ Establish a rule for latecomers. Decide how long the carpool will wait for a passenger (usually no more than 5 minutes).
- ✓ Avoid side trips on the way home.
- ✓ Keep the car clean, well maintained, and filled with enough gas for each trip.
- ✓ Decide on radio use, smoking policies, and other similar concerns before you start carpooling. For example, will snacks and/or beverages be allowed?
- ✓ Have a back-up plan for emergency situations. For example, if your carpool driver must leave early for due to illness, a family emergency or unexpectedly has to stay late, what is the carpooling plan? What are your other transportation options?
- ✓ Develop an environment that encourages open discussion of carpool-related conflicts or problems.
- ✓ Establish a communication plan so adjustments can be made with minimum inconvenience.
- ✓ An agreement to a carpool is not a binding contract. If you find carpooling is not for you, give your group sufficient notice so they can make alternate arrangements or find a replacement.

Here is a [Rideshare Checklist](#) you can use to help set up your own carpool.

