

Carpool Guide

What is a Carpool

Carpooling is simply sharing a ride in your personal vehicle with at least one other person. The extra person(s) can be a family member, friend, co-worker, or anyone who is willing to share the ride and help reduce traffic congestion on the road.

There is no minimum number of days that commuters are required to carpool - RideFinders suggests that commuters carpool as often as they can to receive the most benefits.

Join or Form a Carpool

1. Complete a Commuter Profile by signing up at [RideFinders.org](https://www.ridefinders.org) or contact RideFinders to enroll at (314) 621-7433.
 2. Obtain a Matchlist of others with similar commutes by visiting the [commute match tab](#).
 3. Contact the commuters on your Matchlist to discuss forming a carpool.
- Things to consider before riding together:
- Frequency: How many days and which days of the week you will carpool?
 - Driving: Will you take turns driving or will one person do the driving?
 - Costs: How much will the rider(s) pay the driver for fuel/commute costs?
 - Time & Place: Where will you meet to leave and at what time?
4. If unable to find or form a carpool now, check back regularly to obtain a new Matchlist as commuters sign up frequently. Match Alert notifications are also available at the "[My Profile](#)" tab at [RideFinders.org](https://www.ridefinders.org).
 5. Whether you already share a ride, or you form a new carpool, be sure to register your carpool at [RideFinders.org](https://www.ridefinders.org) or by contacting RideFinders at (314) 621-7433 to be eligible to receive a free [Guaranteed Ride Home](#) if you have an emergency.

CARPOOL BENEFITS

Save money, improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion, avoid parking problems, reduce stress, obtain vital transportation, build work relationships and receive peace of mind from the [Guaranteed Ride Home](#).

CARPOOL TIPS

Set ground rules. Decide on common carpool issues such as the radio, conversation, smoking, eating, & drinking, etc.

Establish a driving schedule. Develop a regular driver schedule to reduce confusion and misunderstandings.

Make a "clean car" policy. The vehicle should be kept clean and sanitized using the RideFinders Clean Commute Commitment which can be found in its entirety at [RideFinders.org](https://www.ridefinders.org).

Avoid side trips. To have a lasting carpool, agree in advance that no unnecessary side trips will be made.

Be punctual. Establish a rule regarding tardiness in advance. Both the drivers and riders need to be reliable. Everyone needs to be at work on time.

Establish a backup plan. This is so adjustments can be made with minimum delay if you are suddenly unable to carpool.

Drive safely. Never drive distracted, and follow the speed limit. Maintain auto insurance.



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