

# 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://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://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://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://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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