

# Carpooling Tips

## Finding your carpool partner(s)

Many people are able to find carpool partners by posting a notice at their place of work or study. For others, the development of the Internet has made carpool matching much easier than ever before. In addition to eRideShare.com, there are many regional ridesharing agencies that can help you find a suitable partner.

## Safety

eRideShare has several security features and suggestions to protect users' privacy and improve safety. Contact is through the website, so your personal information isn't disclosed until you decide to do so. You should meet the person you're considering traveling with, in a public place, before agreeing to travel together. Discuss driving safety. Check [www.eRideShare.com/safety.htm](http://www.eRideShare.com/safety.htm) for more information.

## Carpool rules

Once you have matched and met your new car pool partner(s), these simple questions will help avoid problems down the road:

- Where will the designated pick-up point be? Some car pools have door to door service, while others prefer to meet at a convenient church or grocery store parking lot.
- What are the smoking/non smoking policies?
- Is eating/drinking allowed?
- Which station will you listen to on the radio? News channels are helpful for updates on traffic, sports, stocks and weather.
- Will there be any unscheduled stops?
- Remember that the driver of the vehicle has the final say about rules in the car.
- Who will be your alternate drivers in cases of illness or emergency?
- How long will you wait for someone if they are late? 3-5 minutes is usually recommended.
- How many days a week will you share the ride to work? There are car pools operating every weekday, and some that run just once or twice a week.
- If money is exchanged, how much and when is payment made?

**Finding a match is EASY and FREE with eRideShare.com, the leading website for ridesharing, according to Yahoo and Google.**

