

PRO TIPS FOR YOUR CARPOOL TRIPS



CONGRATS!

You've found someone to share the ride with. Now it's time to plan your first ride. Here are some friendly tips and tricks to ensure a smooth ride.

THE TIPS:

1. MEET & GREET



First things first. Have a quick chat (try a coffee break at/near work) with your carpool match to get to know each other, hash out logistics and set expectations for the trip.

2. A SIMPLE PLAN



Here are some of the topics you should go over with your carpool match:

- **Schedule:** What time do you need to be at work/home? Which days you are looking to carpool? Remember, these details may change over time.
- **Roles:** Who will be driving? Will drivers rotate?
- **Locations:** Door to door? Or meet at a designated central location? Where and when will you meet?
- **Route:** What route will you likely take? Is a Peach Pass necessary?
- **Flexibility:** How long is the max time you'll wait if someone is late?
- **Do's/Don'ts:** Can you _____ (eat/drink/sleep/smoke/work) in the car?

- **Sharing is Caring:** Many carpools rotate driving responsibilities, and thus evenly split costs. Others have one person driving, and riders pay their share of the cost. We encourage you to discuss creating a cost sharing structure that makes the most sense for your new carpool!

3. TRY IT ONCE



Don't start off thinking that carpooling is a five days a week thing. You can share the ride as much as it makes sense for you. To get started, choose just a first day where everyone in the carpool has fewer meetings and deadlines. On the ride home, we have no doubt you'll be planning your next carpool trip.

4. FRONT-SEAT FAVORITE



Carpooling is not a taxi service. Make sure to be a front-seat favorite and don't sit awkwardly in the back (unless of course there are two or more passengers). Not a morning person? Put on an interesting podcast, playlist, or radio channel if you're not feeling chatty.

5. COMMUNICATION IS KEY



Make sure to let your carpool partner know if you're experiencing any delays or other issues. Be flexible and fair, as we all know life happens. Remember, there is always the Guaranteed Ride Home in case of emergency.