

## **BEST PRACTICES FOR SHARING THE RIDE**

### **ESTABLISH A DRIVING SCHEDULE**

Determine who from your carpool group would like to drive, and when. Decide if you want to alternate on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. Once you have it planned out, print a driving schedule for everyone in the group to eliminate confusion.

### **ESTABLISH CARPOOL RULES**

To ensure a smooth rideshare commute, it might be a good idea to set rules regarding issues such as seatbelts, eating and drinking in the car, radio playing, waiting times for tardy riders, seating arrangements, car maintenance, and due dates for rideshare fares.

### **DETERMINE CARPOOL FARES**

If your group plans to split the costs of gas and maintenance of the rideshare vehicle, it might be a good idea to figure out the weekly fare for each rider.

### **CAR INSURANCE**

Verify that your carpool driver has a valid driver's license and the proper car insurance. Also check with your car insurance provider to see if you can qualify for a carpooling discount.

### **CREATE A CARPOOL CONTACT SHEET**

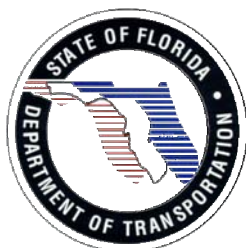
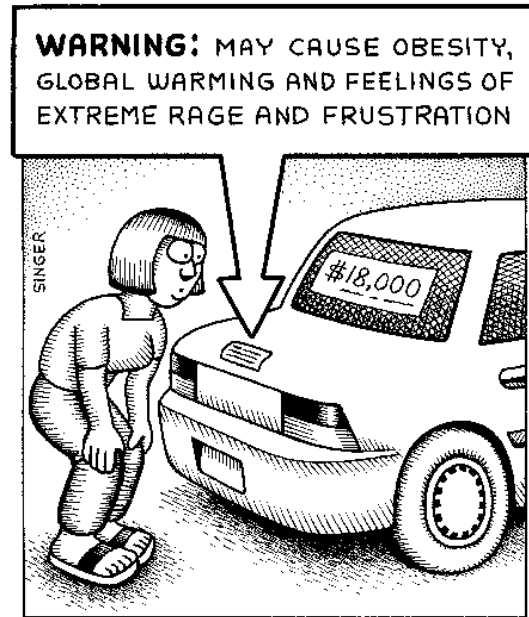
Once you have a carpool group, create a contact sheet with each rider's name, phone number, email address, and emergency contact. As such, contact can be established in case of an emergency, illness, or other unforeseen situation.

### **ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR PICK-UP POINTS**

Once you have your carpool group organized, coordinate with everyone in the group to develop a schedule which outlines meeting times, pick-up locations (Park & Ride lots are recommended), and drop-off times.

### **LEARN TO BALANCE YOUR CARPOOL COMMITMENT WITH YOUR CHILDREN'S COMMITMENT TO SCHOOL**

Remember that your children's commitment to school is to display excellence in their work, to show responsibility, and being on time, takes precedence over your rideshare arrangement. As such, take their school schedule into consideration when coordinating with your fellow carpools. If there is a likelihood that your children will be staying for Aftercare or leaving early, be sure to make appropriate arrangements to get you to and from school. By doing so, you will avoid putting an unnecessary burden on either yourself or your carpool group.



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