



Tips for Successful Carpooling

- **Get Acquainted first.** Make arrangements to meet prior to the first time carpooling together. (A public location near your worksite is suggested).
- **Determine your route and schedule.**
Establish the morning and afternoon pick-up points and times.
- **Establish policies.**
Smoking or nonsmoking, music volume, eating, and drinking. Your carpool will have a better chance for success if these issues are discussed in advance.
- **Draw up a schedule for driving responsibilities.**
If members of your carpool alternate driving, decide among yourselves if you want to alternate on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis.
- **Establish a method of reimbursing driving expenses.**
If the members of your carpool do not share the driving equally, come to an understanding of how the costs will be shared and agree on payment dates.
- **Be punctual and courteous.**
Agree on wait times if someone is late.
- **Establish a chain of communication.**
There should be a back up plan for how people will get to work if a driver is ill or not going to work one day. Communicate as soon as possible when either a driver's or passenger's plans change.
- **Drive Carefully and Keep the Vehicle in Good Repair.** Your vehicle should be clean and safe when you are transporting others.
- **Respect Your Fellow Carpooler's Wishes.** Especially in the morning when some people like a period of quiet.
- **If You Lose a Member of the Carpool,** contact NH Rideshare (603)-271-4043 or coordinator@rideshare.nh.gov for help in finding a replacement.

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