

COLLEGE STUDENT TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL CARPOOL

How to find a carpool partner

Visit rethinkyourcommute.com and choose “Find Me A Match” to register.



Plug in “Student” where it asks for Department and add your contact info.

On the bottom left, choose Request Matchlist.

To the left, you will see the email addresses and phone numbers of students living near you who go to your campus and have also registered for ReThink.

If no one comes up within a 5-mile radius, consider using a wider radius or just check back in a month or so. People will be continuing to register with reThink on an ongoing basis.

Remember, you don’t have to carpool every day. Even one or two days a week will help you save money and help the environment.

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Greenhouse Gas
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Interviewing potential matches:

- Get an impression from a phone conversation - talk about classes, etc.- and if anything strikes you as “off,” politely end the process there.
- If the person sounds potentially compatible for carpooling, arrange to meet in a public place on campus.
- At that meeting, talk about how you would divide up driving. Some carpool groups use one car and some groups switch drivers.
- Calculate what the total cost of the commute will be per passenger. Include tolls and maintenance, as well as gas, in your calculations.
- Now check for a valid Driver’s License, registration, and insurance. Before finalizing any arrangements, look up the Drivers License in this DMV site (<https://services.flhsmv.gov/DLCheck/>) to be sure it is valid and not suspended.
- If everything checks out and you have a secure feeling about sharing rides with this person, discuss details, for example, where you will park extra cars.
- Create policies in advance for cell phone use, smoking, temperature – even radio stations!
- When you create your schedule, discuss whether or not your group will wait for latecomers.
- Everyone in the pool should share contact information, including cell phone numbers. Keep a printout of everyone’s contact information in your vehicle, just in case someone is running late!
- There may be times when your driver has to unexpectedly leave school early or stay late. The **Emergency Ride Home (ERH)** program can help in this situation for qualified carpool groups. Be sure to have your entire group enroll for the ERH program before they need to use it!

To register for ride-matching go to:

rethinkyourcommute.com

For more information or to make suggestions:

valenciacollege.edu/sustainability

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