

# CARPOOL SURVIVAL

## CHECKLIST

➤ Considering a carpool? First things first: head over to [STRNC.org](http://STRNC.org), enter your commute trip and find others with matching trips. Once you find some possible carpoolers, be sure to meet in a common place to discuss compatibility - by location and personality! Here are some guidelines to get started:

### Planning Your Trip

- Find the carpool route and designated pickup points. This could be each member's house or a common meeting point like a park-and-ride lot.
- Determine arrival and departure times. Allow extra time for traffic.
- Are you rotating driving responsibilities or is there a dedicated driver? If you are alternating, is it on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis?
- How many days of the week are you carpooling? While most carpools are all five days of the workweek, your carpool might have odd days or hours.
- If you're the driver, is the vehicle up to date on services and inspections?

### Shared Commute Costs

- How much will the non-driver pay to cover expenses of the driver? Are you just covering gas, or are other expenses being covered?
  - o IRS-suggested **standard mileage rate** for 2019 is 58 cents per mile.
  - o Consider using the **Commuter Cost Calculator** to see your savings!

### Communication and Emergency Situations

- How do you all contact one another? Consider creating a group text.
  - Do you have a "Carpool Captain?"
- How long are you willing to wait if some is running late? 2-5 minutes? More?
- What happens if the driver is sick or can't make it? What happens when it comes to car troubles, maintenance or accidents?
  - Be sure to register for **Emergency Ride Home!**
- Are detours allowed? (Such as a morning coffee run.)

### Etiquette and Personal Preferences

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| <input type="checkbox"/> If talking is allowed, what topics are off-limits? Politics, religion, work gossip, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Eating in the car?    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio: On or off? Volume? What channels are okay? Who decides what plays?                | <input type="checkbox"/> Temperature controls. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Smoking or non-smoking.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone use.       |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Seatbelt use.         |