

START a Lean, Green, TRAVELLING TEAM

Tips for people who are carpooling

Who does the driving?

In some carpools, each carpooling member takes turns driving their own vehicle, while in others there is only one driver. There is no hard and fast rule - it is totally dependent upon the individual circumstances of those in your travelling team.

What if I don't have a car?

No problem – you don't have to have a car to participate in a carpooling travelling team. When you register simply indicate that you want to be a passenger only. You can join a carpool that doesn't need a driver and pay your share of the travel costs.

How much should carpooling passengers pay?

In carpooling where driving is equally shared, no money usually changes hands as each member is using their personal vehicle an equal amount of time. When only one person does the driving, or when there is an unequal split of driving responsibilities, the cost-sharing arrangement should be discussed by those in the carpool. Don't forget to factor in parking fees and general wear and tear.

Can I carpool one-way?

Yes. It may suit you to get a ride to work in the mornings, but travel home on public transport. Or ride to work with someone in your family, and carpool home with a colleague.

What if I have an emergency or I find out I have to work late?

You may wish to put aside some of the money you'll be saving by carpooling for paying for a taxi in an unexpected event. Remember there are plenty of bus services to and from TPMH.

General carpooling tips

Payment - Agree in advance what, if any, money changes hands.

Schedules and pick-ups - Don't be late at either end of the commute!

Communication - Make sure you know how to communicate with your carpool team mates, especially if you are not able to be at the agreed pick up point.

Your car - A well maintained, clean vehicle will ensure a safe, reliable and comfortable ride for all passengers. A poorly maintained car can consume substantially more fuel than one that is properly maintained. People will not want to sit on dirty seats in their work clothes, either!

Carpool etiquette - Consider the things that will make the ride enjoyable for everyone. For example; strong perfume, music playing on the car speakers, eating in the car and constant talking on mobile phones may irritate some people.

Smoking - The Lean Green Travelling Team coordinators support Smoke Free. We encourage you to have a smoke free travelling team.

Insurance - To adequately protect yourself and your vehicle, a good insurance policy is recommended.

When you get in touch with colleagues who want to share the drive, you can discuss exactly how things progress from there, where and at what time you meet and so on.