

## Car Pooling

If you are interested in carpooling, here are some things to consider. Car pooling is not for everyone. It is strictly voluntary. To be successful, it requires coordination, cooperation and flexibility from participants.

### Car Pool Safety

Car Pooling is generally safe. It is your responsibility to keep yourself safe. If you are thinking about car pooling with someone you don't know, meet with them in person ahead of time 1) to discuss your thoughts and preferences on the carpooling arrangements and 2) to assess your comfort level with the individual(s). Ask questions and trust your instincts.

### Car Pool Advantages

- Save on gas or commuting costs
- Less wear and tear on your vehicle because you are driving less
- Because fewer cars are on the road you are helping to keep our air clean
- Reduces the number of cars on campus

### Car Pool Disadvantages

- Could be a problem if you get sick at work and can't go home
- Could be a problem if you have a family emergency and you have no ride home
- Could be a problem if you have to work late with short notice.
- Can't run errands after work in town

### Factors to Consider:

1. Are you willing to work out a schedule that is convenient for you and other people you would be car pooling with?
2. Are you willing to compromise on some things, like what music you listen to?

### How do I find other people who live in my area who are interested in carpooling?

Email [hro@selu.edu](mailto:hro@selu.edu) and provide the following information. By submitting your information and requesting assistance finding a car pool, we will put you in contact with others in your area who are also interested in carpooling.

1. How often do you want to carpool?
2. Do you want to drive all the time, ride all the time, or take turns driving?
3. What is the meeting/pickup time and place for both ends of the commute?
4. On what date would you like to start car pooling?
5. What is your work phone number?
6. What is your cell phone number?
7. What is your email address?
8. Do you have a valid driver's license?
9. Do you have auto insurance?
10. Do you smoke?
11. What is your gender?

### **Car Pools Factors**

- Types of Car Pool Participants
  - a. Driver Only: One person does all the driving and the “riders” pay the driver.
  - b. Rider Only: A car pool could include people who will not drive at all, in which case the “riders” pay the driver an agreed upon amount to help out with driving costs.
  - c. Share Driving: If a car pool does switch drivers it can be done on a daily basis or a weekly basis, depending on preferences.
- Frequency: Some people car pool every day while others may only choose to do it several days a week in order to take care of before or after work errands.
- Time Frames: When will you meet? How long will drivers wait for someone who is running late? (5 minutes is normal)
- Location: Car pool participants generally meet at a centralized location as a meeting point and then at a centralized location at work for the return trip.
- Insurance: Since insurance policies vary, check with your agent to make sure your policy covers passengers, including car pool members. Also ask your agent if you qualify for a carpooling discount.

### **Car Pool Basics**

- Drivers should not talk on cell phones while driving
- Everyone should wear a seat belt
- Everyone should be polite
- Everyone should be punctual. Don’t make a habit of being late. If you are sick or can’t make it or if you are running late, who will you to call to let them know you will not be car pooling that day.
- Establish how long you will wait for someone who is running late.
- Keep your car clean and in good running condition
- Respect agreed upon restrictions such as smoking, eating, drinking, perfume/cologne usage, radio choices, and appropriate language.