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10 Tips for Successful Carpooling

- 1. Determine your route and schedule. Establish the morning pickup point(s) and designate a place(s) to meet for the trip home.
- 2. Draw up a schedule for driving responsibilities. If all members of your carpool alternate driving, decide among yourselves if you want to alternate on a daily, weekly or monthly basis.
- 3. Establish a method for reimbursing driving expenses. If all 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.
- 4. Be punctual. Decide how long the driver is expected to wait. When home pickups are utilized, do not disturb everyone in the neighborhood by honking if a rider is running a few minutes late.
- 5. Establish policies. Smoking or non-smoking; music and volume; food and drinks? Your carpool will have a better chance of success if possible irritants are discussed initially.
- 6. Decide if your carpool is only for commuting to and from work or if you allow shopping or errand runs.
- 7. Establish a chain of communication. Exchange cell phone numbers. If a driver is ill, or will not be going to work one day, an alternate driver should be notified to ensure that other members of the carpool will have a ride. If a member is ill or will not be working, the driver must be contacted as soon as possible.
- 8. Drive carefully and keep the vehicle in good repair. This includes keeping the vehicle clean and safe. There are others involved. There should be no excuse for excessive speed, use of alcohol, or reckless maneuvers.
- 9. Respect your fellow carpooler's wishes especially in the morning when some people like a time of quiet.
- 10. If you lose a member of your carpool, log in at **GetThereOregon.org** to find a replacement. Together we can save money, time and the environment while reducing traffic congestion,

Call Point2point at 541-682-6183 if you have any questions!



