



Rideshare Tips

Ridesharing is a great way to save money, meet people in your neighbourhood and reduce your impact on the environment. Below are some handy tips on how to start up a rideshare: getting people on board, addressing safety concerns and ideas on how to best manage it.

Advertising for your rideshare. Promote it through your communication channels at work: email, intranet, and weekly news bulletins. Download the rideshare poster from the Let's Go website and add your contact details place it in key locations around your office. If you don't get many people keen from your workplace perhaps you could put it up at your local community notice board or Four Square to see if anyone else in your area works near you and is keen to rideshare.

Encourage people to trial it one day a week, that can still make a significant difference to kilometres travelled, savings made and once someone has trialled it they may find that they can rideshare more often. Ask your employer if they can support your rideshare by providing preferential car parking for all cars that arrive with three or more people.

Safety. It is always a good idea to meet your fellow ridesharers for a coffee or just a chat before your first journey. This is a time to get to know them a little better so you will feel more comfortable sharing your car space with them and also an opportunity to discuss how you will share costs.

Managing your rideshare. It is important to have an arrangement around the sharing of costs so that all parties in the rideshare are equal. This provides the means to create a little more flexibility in the journey if needed and shares ownership of the rideshare. Costs can be shared by a couple of different means:

- People take turns to drive their own vehicles
- Payment to the driver for a share of the cost of the petrol
- Payment to the driver of a mileage rate calculated to cover petrol, depreciation and wear and tear (this needs to be completed carefully to ensure the driver is not making a profit from the arrangement). Use the calculator on the Let's Go website to get an idea of what the costs may be.

For some people they are reluctant to join a rideshare for the 'what if' element. Ask your employer if they are able to provide an emergency vehicle for those rare occasions when there is an emergency and staff may be left stranded. Below are some suggested guide lines for an emergency vehicle.

When can I use the emergency vehicle?

- You become ill or are injured while at work
- A home emergency (fire, plumbing flood, burglary etc) requires your immediate attendance
- An immediate family member or member of your household experiences an illness, injury, crisis and needs you.

When can't I use the emergency vehicle?

- Personal errands
- Pre-planned medical appointments
- Business-related travel
- Working overtime
- Civil defence and weather emergencies, building closures, evacuations
- Car breakdowns that can be easily repaired on site (e.g. flat tyre, dead battery, empty fuel tank)
- If your rideshare driver is unable to meet your usual arrangement.