

Carpool Checklist

Top Things to Remember

Knowing your driver

It's important to know the person who is driving your child. They should have a current license, a good driving record, and of course, never drive while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Car seats and seat belts

Everyone should ride in a car seat, booster seat or seat belt, based on individual age, weight and height. You can find your state's laws regarding child passenger safety at www.safekids.org/statelaws.

Vehicle seats

Ensure that each child under 13 is riding in a back seat. Drive only as many occupants as there are seat belts.

Exiting the car

Make sure that all children exit the car on the curb side. Once children exit the car, wait until they are safely supervised before driving off.

Never leave kids alone in a car

While it may be tempting to dash out for a minute while your kids are sitting peacefully in their car seats, the temperature inside your car can rise very quickly and cause heatstroke. Remember to lock your car when you are done driving so kids can't get in on their own.

Avoiding backovers

Teach children not to play around or near cars in driveways, parking lots or the street. Before getting in the car, walk completely around it, checking for kids, toys and pets.



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