

When your kid's safety is in another driver's hands

When your preteen rides with another driver, you are entrusting that driver to safeguard your child. But how do you know whether someone has thought through all the steps of carpool safety?

At Safe Kids Worldwide, we know it can be uncomfortable to ask the tough questions you may need to ask to make sure your preteen is as safe as possible in every car. That's why we have developed this **Safe Driver Checklist for Carpools**. You and the driver can talk over the list together. Or you may want to print it out and give it to the driver. Make sure to give them your own completed checklist, so they know you are a safe carpool driver, too.

If you share driving with others, check that all drivers involved know about general carpool safety, including making sure everyone wears a seat belt and requiring children under 13 to ride in a back seat. For a list of other safety guidelines, go to www.safestgeneration.org and click on the Parents & Advocates tab.

Perhaps the most important safety tip, however, is to trust your instincts – and teach your kids to trust theirs. If you feel uncertain about a driver, find other transportation for your preteen. And let your child know it's always OK to tell you or another adult if they feel unsafe riding with a particular driver.



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Safe Driver Checklist for Carpools

- I have a valid driver's license
- I have auto insurance
- I do not carry weapons in the car
- I will not allow a teenage driver to substitute for me when I am supposed to drive the carpool
- I will not drive if I have had any alcohol or drugs that impair driving

Signature

Printed Name

Date