



## **Carpooling Regulations and Legal Considerations**

### **Is Carpooling Legal?**

Yes: Across Canada and the United States, many government authorities actively support carpooling as a beneficial alternative for transportation.

Government-backed regional programs often promote carpooling to help reduce traffic and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

This section outlines essential guidelines for both drivers and passengers participating in carpooling, clarifying the difference between rules for carpooling and those for commercial passenger transport.

### **What Is Carpooling?**

Carpooling refers to a shared journey in which the driver's main reason for traveling is not to transport passengers, and no payment is received other than contributions to cover the trip's costs on a non-profit basis.

### **Do I Need a Permit for Carpooling?**

No: Carpooling does not require a commercial transportation permit. However, commercial passenger transport is different from carpooling and does require proper licensing.

### **Can Carpooling Be a Commercial Activity?**

Carpooling is strictly non-profit, so commercial activity under the guise of carpooling is not allowed. Commercial passenger transport requires an appropriate permit, and services like Ridesharing.com prohibit commercial use of its platform.

### **Follow the Law When Using Carpooling Services**

Ryden does not allow the platform to be used for finding passengers for commercial purposes. When you sign up, you agree to comply with all relevant regulations, ensuring any contributions from passengers only cover operating costs on a non-profit basis.

If you observe any misuse of carpooling services for commercial purposes, please contact our customer support.