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VANPOOL PROGRAM

What is a vanpool?

A Gohio Commute vanpool is a group of 7 to 15 commuters who commute to work on a regular basis in a commuter van. One person volunteers to be the team leader/coordinator, and everyone shares in the driving of the van. All commuters share equally in the monthly cost of the vanpool package. The vanpool group determines their daily route. Riders meet at a designated pickup location, such as a shopping center or park & ride.

Why choose a Gohio Commute vanpool?

The Gohio Commute Vanpool Program offers a complete package, which includes use of a commuter van, insurance, bumper-to-bumper maintenance, 24-hour roadside assistance, and a prepaid fuel purchasing program. The turnkey package is offered on a 30-day basis with no long-term commitment.

What if I can't ride the van home?

If you have an emergency, illness, or unexpected overtime, you can register for the Emergency Ride Home (ERH) Program. Registration is free, and you are entitled to a free taxi ride home up to four times in a calendar year — ensuring you aren't stranded at work.

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Vans for the Gohio Commute Vanpool Program are provided by:

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Save money, reduce congestion,
and help the environment by
joining a vanpool.



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It's Easy to Join a Vanpool



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Gohio Commute guides you through five easy steps to form a new vanpool. After your vanpool is formed, we will help fill any vanpool seats that might become available to help keep your vanpool full.

1. Determine your basic route

Riders usually meet at a designated staging area like a park & ride location or a shopping center, where permission has been granted to park.

2. Advertise the route and recruit riders

Finding people interested in saving money, sharing the ride, and avoiding the hassles of traffic congestion can be easier than you think.

We assist you in finding riders by:

- Advertising your new route on our website.
- Conducting transportation events and lunch-and-learn sessions at your work location.
- Providing employers and commuters with advertising materials.

3. Identify Team leader/coordinator and volunteer drivers

Vanpooling involves a team of commuters who are willing to share the responsibilities and share the rewards of not commuting alone. Each vanpool has a team leader/coordinator, and everyone shares the driving. Our van provider works with the Gohio Commute team to assist with approving the volunteer drivers.

4. Hold a formation meeting

Gohio Commute staff will arrange a meeting for your new vanpool group. It's important for the group to decide on details such as:

- The staging area locations
- Type and size of the van
- Estimated pricing
- Confirming vanpool members
- Vanpool rules to make the vanpool a success

5. Select your start date

Our van provider, Commute with Enterprise, will go over the features of the van and paperwork in detail. They will turn the keys over, and you'll be ready to commute to work.

Who Vanpools?

- Commuters who drive at least 30 minutes or travel more than 20 miles one way to work.
- Commuters who maintain a consistent work schedule.
- Commuters who live and work along the same route as 6 to 15 other people who also want to vanpool to work.

Advantages of Vanpooling:

- Save hundreds of dollars on your commuting costs
- Reduce wear and tear on your personal vehicle
- Reliable, safe and comfortable transportation
- Escape the daily grind and stress of traffic congestion
- Turn commuting time into productive time to read, catch up on work, or sleep
- Make new friends with fellow van riders
- Contribute to help improve our environment