

# Carpool Driver Safety Checklist

- BEFORE THE RIDE: Outside the car**
- YES NO
- I have a valid driver's license and carry auto insurance.
  - I have not been convicted of a crime against a child.
  - Before I open the car door, I walk completely around my car, looking for kids, toys and pets.
  - I can see each child that I will drive as they approach my car.
  - Children not riding in my car are fully supervised and physically held by an adult, so I do not back over them by mistake.
  - I teach my child not to play around or near cars in driveways, parking lots or the street.

- DURING THE RIDE: Inside the car**
- YES NO
- Each child will ride in a car seat, booster seat or safety belt, based on individual age, weight and height.
  - Each child has his own safety belt system to hold him, the booster seat or car seat.
  - Each child under 13 is riding in a back seat.
  - Airbags have been disabled for infants and children who must ride in the front seat (front seat location is NOT recommended.)
  - I drive only as many occupants as there are safety belts.
  - I have been taught to use the booster seats or car seats correctly for the children I transport.
  - I do not start the car until every person is properly buckled.
  - I do not drive children if I have had any alcohol or other drugs that impair.
  - There are no weapons in my car.

- AFTER THE RIDE: Around the car**
- YES NO
- I keep the car and trunk locked, so kids cannot play in or around my car when I am not there.
  - I have shown my child the "glow in the dark" emergency trunk handle inside the trunk and explained how it works in an emergency.
  - I make sure that all children exit my car on the curb side.
  - Once children exit my car, I wait until they are safely supervised before driving off.
  - I never leave children alone in the car, even for a few minutes.

