

Ride Share Tips

More people than ever before are using ride-sharing services. The University of Missouri Police Department encourages students, faculty and staff to follow these safety tips when doing so.

1. **Request your ride inside.** Avoid spending unnecessary time outside alone with your phone in your hand. Instead, wait indoors until the app shows your driver has arrived.
2. **Get in the right car.** Before you get in the car, check that license plate, driver photo, and driver name all match what's listed in the app.
3. **Ask the driver:** What's my name. If the driver cannot answer that questions, don't get in the car.
4. **Be a backseat rider.** If you're riding alone, sit in the backseat. This ensures you can safely exit on either side of the vehicle to avoid moving traffic, and it gives you and your driver some personal space.
5. **Watch the route on your phone** – If there is a deviation, check with the driver.
6. **Share your trip details with a friend or family member.**

Mizzou volunteers also provide another resource to be aware of: The free [STRIPES ride service](#) for students which is available on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

MU police also offer free escorts to an on-campus destination. Call 573-882-7201 to request an escort by a security officer or campus safety officer. Note: These escorts are done on foot. Rides are not provided.