

Rideshare Safety

Ridesharing is becoming more widespread. From normal commuting to special events, we trust strangers to get us safely to our destination. Review these safety tips to ensure you arrive safely.



First, wait for your ride inside your building. Whether it is the office, the house, the apartment, inside a building is safer than waiting on the street. The building interior usually affords better lighting and visibility.

Make certain your driver is an exact match. Take an extra moment to compare the photo supplied by your ride service with the face of the actual driver. Ask the driver directly, “Whom are you here to pick up?” This helps to ensure you’re getting into the correct vehicle and that your driver is there to do what they have requested. Their contract with you is to get you to your destination safely. Make sure the make, model and license plate on the vehicle match the information forwarded to you through the app. Make certain all the information provided through the app is identical to what is presented to you in person.

Always ride in the rear seat. This provides distance between you and the driver. Time and distance are always good. If you happen to be riding alone, always ride in the rear seat. You are the person paying for service. If possible, share the ride with someone else. It is always better to utilize the buddy system. You are much safer in a group larger than one.

Situational awareness is key. Always pay attention to the behavior of the driver, as well as your route. Always be prepared, never let down your guard. A canister of oleoresin capsiicum (pepper gel) is a good tool to have with you at all times. SABRE Red® Pepper Gel contains 1.33% major capsaicinoids (for reference - 1.5% is a second degree burn, 2% is a third degree burn). The effects of pepper gel are devastating on a criminal: involuntary eye closure, tearing and burning eyes, shortness of breath, choking, coughing, light headedness, disorientation, nausea, panic. Sabre Red® offers many advantages over other products: off axis activation, orange color, gel rather than spray/mist delivery, multi-year shelf life. It is also the brand carried by law enforcement world-wide.

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