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## More about CommuteSmart

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According to the CommuteSmart website, "One of the most common reasons people give for not trying to commute options is the fear of being stranded at work or unable to get home quickly in an emergency."

This program will reimburse a taxi or car rental up to five times a year for people who must leave work, if they are registered with CommuteSmart carpool or vanpool program. These five incidents can only be cases of personal or family emergencies or unscheduled overtime at work.

The vanpooling program is available to a group of seven to 15 people who ride together in a passenger van. Each passenger pays an equal portion of the van payment, gasoline and parking fees.

Some businesses have signed up to be partners with CommuteSmart to offer vanpooling for their employees, and some contribute toward the costs, said Lindsay Durfee with CommuteSmart.

The following is a list of companies who are partnering with CommuteSmart to help employees lessen commuting expenses through vanpooling or carpooling. Some will actually pay the transportation expenses:

- 1 Infinity Insurance
- 2 Protective Life
- 3 VA Medical Center
- 4 AL Power
- 5 UAB
- 6 Cousins Properties
  
- 7 Baptist Health System
- 8 Golden Flake
- 9 O'Neal Steel, Inc.
- 10 Teletech Holdings
- 11 Colonial Properties
- 12 Thompson Tractor
- 13 Barber's/Mayfield's
- 14 Capstone Companies
- 15 Children's Health System
- 16 SunGard
- 17 Birmingham Botanical Gardens
- 18 El Paso/Southern Natural Gas

- 19 McWane Science Center
- 20 Jefferson County Commission
- 21 Wachovia
- 22 Trinity Medical
- 23 Birmingham Bike Club
- 24 T-Mobile
- 25 Children's South
- 26 Compass Bank
- 27 Alabama Rivers Alliance
- 28 Birmingham Coca Cola
- 29 Jefferson State Comm College
- 30 Daniel Corporation
- 31 CAP City Action Partnership
- 32 Cox Pool Services
- 33 Regional Planning Commission
- 34 Southern Progress
- 35 Southern Company Services
- 36 Birmingham Regional Chamber
- 37 City of Trussville
- 38 Birmingham News
- 39 Cooper Green Mercy Hospital
- 40 Aldridge Botanical Gardens
- 41 Alabama Gas Corporation
- 42 Jefferson County Dept of Health
- 43 Trane
- 44 Southern Research Institute
- 45 BJCTA
- 46 EBSCO Industries, Inc
- 47 Princeton Baptist Medical Center
- 48 Samford University
- 49 Homewood Rotary
- 50 St. Vincent's Health System

- 51 AL Clean Fuels Coalition
- 52 WRATT Foundation
- 53 Black Warrior Riverkeeper
- 54 Vance US Courthouse
- 55 Alabama Environmental Council
- 56 Motion Industries
- 57 Cobbs, Allen & Hall
- 58 BE&K
- 59 Cahaba River Society N
- 60 ALTEC
- 61 URS - Washington Division
- 62 BUD'S BEST COOKIES