

Ride Sharing

Sharing rides in rental and government vehicles with customers or contractors when engaged in official business is **disfavored** due to liability concerns. Should one have an accident and a passenger is injured, the U.S. and, in some circumstances, the Government driver could face potential liability. Note that this is not an absolute prohibition. In some unique circumstances the logistical benefits will outweigh the liability concerns but any exception is usually specifically provided for in a Government contract. Sharing rides with contractors for personal reasons involve an entirely different matter. Generally, Federal employees may not solicit or accept gifts from "prohibited sources." For example, a "free ride" to a ski resort from a contractor acquaintance may constitute a gift from a prohibited source.