

Need a ride to court?



Court Ride is a reliable, voluntary service that gives you a ride to court or to scheduled meetings with your public defender at no cost if you do not have a way to get there.

Who is eligible?

To use this service, you must:

- Have an open case held in Hennepin County District Court
- Be eligible for a public defender
- Be available for ride pick up at a location in Hennepin County

How it works

1. Sign up for your ride at your court appearance or meeting with your public defender.
2. You will get a text before your next court date or appointment asking if you still need a ride.
3. The day of your appointment, a Lyft car will pick you up and drive you to your appointment.
4. When your appointment is over, return to where you were dropped off and text "Ready." A car will pick you up and take you back to your original pickup location.

Frequently asked questions

Can I bring my child, friend or family member?

Yes, but all riders must be at least 5 years old to accompany the rider. Car seats are not provided for children.

Where will the ride take me?

The ride will pick you up at the Hennepin County address you initially provide and drop you off where your court or public defender appointment is scheduled. The ride will only return you to the address where you were picked up.

What kind of phone do I need?

The phone just needs to be able to send and receive text messages.

Do I need a credit card or photo ID to use this service?

No, just a cell phone with texting capability.

How will the ride service know who I am and where to pick me up?

Your first name, last initial, date of birth, cell phone number, address, case number and court date will be sent to them.

What if I have a problem with my driver?

Call the phone number provided in the text message from the service provider. Hennepin County is not liable for situations that occur during the course of the ride.