Ride & Delivery Apps

These apps bring rides, groceries, and restaurant food right to your door. You order on your phone, you see the price before you say yes, and you pay in the app.

What each app does

- **Uber and Lyft:** request a ride from a nearby driver. Type where you are and where you want to go.
- **Uber Eats and DoorDash:** restaurant food delivered to you.
- **Instacart:** groceries from your favorite stores, delivered or ready for pickup.

Getting set up (all five work the same way)

1. Install it: find the app in the App Store (iPhone) or Play Store (Android) and tap Install.
2. Make an account: enter your name, phone number, and email. The app texts you a code to prove the phone is yours.
3. Add a card: every app needs a credit or debit card on file. You are only charged when you order. Never give your card number to a driver or to anyone who calls claiming to be the company.
4. Turn on location: the apps need to know where you are to send a driver or delivery to you. When your phone asks, choose While Using the App.

Getting a ride: Uber and Lyft

1. Open the app. It usually guesses your pickup spot — check that the address is right.
2. Type your destination.
3. Pick the kind of ride. The plain one (UberX or the standard Lyft) is the everyday choice.
4. You see the price before you confirm.
5. The app shows your driver's name, photo, car, and license plate, plus how many minutes away they are.

Ordering food: DoorDash and Uber Eats

1. Open the app and enter your delivery address.
2. Browse restaurants, add dishes to your cart, and check out. You see the full total before you place the order.

Safety: your five-second checklist

- Before getting into any ride, check three things: the license plate, the car's make and model, and the driver's photo — all shown in the app. If anything does not match, do not get in.
- Ask, don't tell: ask the driver who they are picking up, instead of saying your name first.
- Turn on the PIN: both apps can show a 4-digit code you give the driver before the trip starts. The ride cannot begin until the code matches.
- Share your trip: both apps can text your route to a family member or friend.

When to call Sean instead: getting your account, card, or login set up the first time.