

MVS Alamosa

PERSONAL USE OF MVS CARS

VS cars are purchased, insured, and maintained primarily for work assignments and MVS-related social and church activities or household needs. Minimizing car use is also good stewardship. However, given the lack of public transportation and distances involved for travel, personal use of MVS cars is handled on an honor system using the following framework as general guidelines:

- each MVS'er may have up to two trips in or near Alamosa per week that are not MVS-related or a household activity (e.g., social outing, personal shopping or errands, classes, music groups, sports/exercise). MVS'ers are encouraged whenever possible to carpool or piggy-back such activities with MVS-related trips. These trip miles may not be accumulated week-to-week or for other uses.
- if 3 or more MVS'ers (or 2 in a 3-person household) travel together on an outing or to a social event within the Valley, these miles may be considered an MVS-related activity so long as the activity is open to any unit member.
- each MVS'er may additionally have 60 miles of personal car use per month. These miles may be pooled from month-to-month. They can also be pooled between MVS'ers for shared use of a vehicle. However, these miles need to be used within a 250 mi. radius of Alamosa, unless specially approved by the Local Program Coordinator.
- each MVS'er may additionally have one round-trip to an area airport or train station per year (e.g., CO Springs, Denver, La Junta, Albuquerque) for personal travel or to pick up a visitor. Again, carpooling – especially at holiday times – is encouraged.
- if an MVS'er wishes to access an MVS car for personal use beyond the uses and mileage provided for in these guidelines, the availability of the vehicle and cost of use beyond gas needs to be agreed upon with the Local Program Coordinator. This is also generally limited to a 250 mi. radius of Alamosa.
- all personal or agency use of MVS cars should be coordinated with other unit members, and any MVS or work needs take precedence over personal use.
- agencies should reimburse MVS for work-related use of vehicles in Alamosa or nearby areas, except for commuting, as well as longer-distance travel to trainings, meetings, etc. MVS'ers are responsible for filling out agency forms for mileage reimbursement and ensuring receipt of payments. Reimbursement should be at least .50/mi or such higher rate as the agency policy provides.

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