Rideshare apps like Uber and Lyft are very popular in Athens.

1. Request your ride while waiting inside- Minimize the time that you’re standing outside by yourself with your phone in your hand. Instead, wait inside until the app shows that your driver has arrived.

2. Confirm your driver before getting in the car- Both Uber and Lyft provide you with the type, color, and license plate of the car that will be arriving to pick you up. Make sure that the description of the vehicle matches the information provided in the app before getting into the car.

3. Have your driver confirm your information- Ask the driver to confirm your name before you get in the car. Your driver sees your first name in their app, and your driver’s first name is displayed to you in your app. To safely exchange names, you can ask, “Who are you here to pick up?”

4. Share your trip details with loved ones- Both apps allow you to share your location, driver’s name, photo, license plate, and ETA (estimated time of arrival) with friends and family. You can also text or call a loved one when you’ve safely made it home.