

Car pooling 'cuts down accidents'

MOTORISTS carrying passengers are half as likely to be involved in a car accident as those driving by themselves, new research has claimed today.

A survey of more than 2,000 adults showed that one in 10 had been involved in a crash while driving alone, compared with one in 20 who

had a passenger on board.

The survey, by Privilege Insurance, also showed that half as many motorists had lost concentration if they had someone with them.

The research showed that one in five had been stopped by the police when driving alone because of the poor quality of their driving, com-

pared with one in 10 of those travelling with passengers.

The report said that an increasing number of motorists were sharing car journeys to work, partly to save money.

Ian Parker, managing director of Privilege Insurance, said the research showed the potential road safety benefits of car sharing.