

A college student recently got into a private car thinking it was her Lyft ride. It tragically resulted in her murder. For your *travel4seniors.com* editor, there have been several occasions when ride bookings went wrong.

Back in the days of hailing cabs, we were sometimes overcharged, taken the long route and subjected to other rip-offs. However, it shouldn't happen these days. Because of all the electronic communications and security advances, you can now assure your safety in taxis and other commercial rides.

When booking by cellphone, give all required information and ask for specific cost quote, time of arrival and name of the assigned driver. When the car or taxi arrives, exchange names and other ID info until you're satisfied the driver is legitimate.