

RISK CONTROL CONSULTING

The Safe Operation of Golf Carts

Safety Rules for Drivers Operating Carts

- Operators must possess a valid state driver's license.
- All operators must attend golf cart safety training.
- All operators must pass a site observation test administered after training.
- Golf carts are not registered vehicles and will not be driven on city streets.
- City streets should be crossed at marked crosswalks.
- Do not exceed the maximum safe occupancy (Seating provided for 2-4 passengers)\
- No modification will be made to golf carts without the approval of the manufacturer.
- Pedestrians have the right-of-way in facilities. Carts must yield to pedestrians on sidewalks or walkways



Speed Is to Be Reduced to a Minimum When Driving Along or Crossing Sidewalks so as to Avoid Accidents with Pedestrians

- Vehicles must be equipped with head and tail lights to be operated during the night.
- Do not attempt to pass another cart which is in motion.
- Set the parking brake and turn the wheels when not in transit.

Safety Equipment:

- 1) Carts must be four-wheeled vehicles.
- 2) All original safety feature equipment must be kept in good working order.
- 3) All carts and trailers (pulled by carts) must have clearly displayed on the exterior of the cart and trailer the slow moving vehicle reflective triangle.
- 4) Carts should have a windshield and roof covering to provide minimum protection to the driver.

Employees are responsible for:

- Inspecting the vehicle before operation and documenting any deficiencies.
- Attending a safety program prior to operation a cart.
- Operating the vehicle in a safe manner.
- Reporting accidents to his or her immediate supervisor.

Supervisors are responsible for:

- Ensuring employee drivers are properly licensed and that they have completed the mandated safety program prior to operating a cart.
- Taking timely action to correct employee infractions in the operation of the cart (may be remedial training or discipline)
- Ensure that all equipment on the cart is working properly and that the cart is taken out of service when there are deficiencies that could contribute to an unsafe condition.

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