

Golf Cart Safety



The following guidelines have been developed for your safety and the safety of others while operating golf carts:

1. Do not allow unauthorized individuals to borrow the cart.
2. Do not allow minors to operate the golf cart under any circumstances.
3. Each operator of a cart should have a valid driver's license.
4. All operators should familiarize themselves with the controls – key starter, accelerator, brakes, reverse, and steering.
5. The number of passengers allowed on the cart should be restricted to the number of seats available on the cart. Most carts are designed for a driver and one passenger
6. Do not allow anyone to drive the cart while taking medication that results in drowsiness or inability to concentrate.
7. The carts should not be operated by anyone while drinking an alcoholic beverage, and should never be operated by an intoxicated driver.
8. The operator should understand the weather conditions. If the weather is bad, the operator should adjust his/her speed when necessary. The operator should allow for extra stopping distance on wet or icy surfaces.
9. The operator should always operate the cart in a defensive manner. The operator should never assume that he/she has the right of way. Pedestrians should be approached with caution and should be made aware of the operator's presence – a horn or bell may be appropriate. The operator should be aware of and react properly to bicyclists and motor vehicles.
10. The cart should not be operated on public roads. In the event that the golf cart must be operated on a public road for a short distance, all traffic signals and right of way rules should be obeyed.
11. When approaching public roads, the operator should slow down and stop before entering or crossing the road. All approaches to an intersection should be checked twice before crossing. The operator should be aware that the cart does not accelerate as quickly as most vehicles. Extra time should be allowed when crossing an intersection.
12. Caution should be used when going downhill; reduce the speed, be prepared to brake, and avoid sharp turns.
13. Equipment or supplies should not be carried unless secured properly to prevent objects from falling from the cart.
14. Caution should be used when reversing. Operators should make sure that there are no persons or obstructions behind the golf cart.
15. The keys should always be removed, brakes set, and cart secured when it is unattended. Parking on inclines should be avoided whenever possible.

Each individual who receives a cart for use has a responsibility to assure that the cart is operated and maintained in a safe manner. Responsible operation of the cart requires concentration, sound judgment, and common sense by the operator. Cart operators should never compromise their safety or the safety of others by operating the carts irresponsibly. By observing the aforementioned guidelines, accidents and injuries can be reduced dramatically.

Please print a copy of this information and have anyone that will drive a cart sign the Safety Guidelines.