

Golf Carts on Campus

Golf carts are commonly seen on our campus as utility vehicles and means of transportation by various departments. Although considered safe because they are small and slow, golf carts can be dangerous. According to the Consumer Products Safety Commission, it is estimated that golf cart accidents cause more than 13,000 emergency room visits each year.

Best Practices

In order to make safe use of golf carts on campus, it is recommended that the following best practices be used to limit the potential for injuries:

- All drivers must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license
- A Motor Vehicle record must be completed on each driver

Safety Tips

The following safety tips should be obeyed:

- Seat belts must be used if available
- Brake slowly, especially on downhill slopes
- Avoid sharp turns at high speeds, U-turns, and when backing up
- Put both feet firmly on the floor and keep legs and arms inside of cart at all times
- Occupants should sit back in the seat and know the location of handgrips

Operating Rules

The following operating rules should be followed:

- Pedestrians have the right of way on the sidewalks
- Speed limits should be followed
- All keys should be removed from unattended carts to prevent unauthorized use.

