

Electric Carts



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Carts may seem harmless, but the unsafe use of electric or gas powered vehicles (e.g. golf carts), can lead to serious injury. Every University department must evaluate their cart operations to ensure the well-being of our students, staff, guests and faculty.

Department supervisors are responsible for ensuring that all vehicles under their control are maintained and operated in a safe manner. This includes ensuring that:

1. Users possess a valid driver's license and are instructed on the safe use of carts;
2. All original safety features are kept in proper working order;
3. Carts are not overloaded (**carrying more passengers than seating provided**) or exceed the carts recommended load capacity.

Operators must observe all traffic rules and the following guidelines:

1. Never leave the ignition keys in an unattended vehicle or loan the vehicle to non-authorized personnel;
2. University owned carts are to be used for University business only;
3. Carts shall not obstruct pedestrian walkways, fire lanes, handicap access, or building doorways;
4. Operators are not to wear headsets or use cell phones while operating vehicles;
5. Carts must not be operated in excess of 5 mph on campus, and pedestrians always have the right of way;
6. Operators shall never allow passengers to ride in the cargo area, stand, or tow from the vehicle!

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