

NBSIA Member Services Safety Bulletin

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GOLF CART SAFETY

Only authorized drivers are allowed to operate carts following approval by their supervisor. Do not allow anyone to borrow the cart. Carts should not be modified in any manner that affects the recommended mode of operation, speed or safety of the vehicle.

Pre-Trip

Cart operators should not wear headphones, use cell phones or two-way radios or use/operate any other device that may cause a distraction or disrupt your ability to hear.



Occupants and Loads

- Never exceed the maximum load capacity recommended by the manufacturer, either by number of occupants or weight of the passengers and load.
- One passenger is permitted per seat and all passengers are required to sit in seats. No riding on backs, front, or sides of carts is permitted.
- Do not move cart until all occupants are seated. Occupants should remain seated while the cart is in motion.
- All occupants in the vehicle should keep hands, arms, legs and feet within the confines of the vehicle while it is in motion.
- Secure and properly store all equipment and supplies to prevent objects from falling out of striking people.

Driving the Cart

- Do not operate a cart on a public roadway except when crossing from one side of the street to the other.
- The recommended maximum speed on walkways and congested areas is not more than 5 miles per hour.
- Special care should be taken while driving carts

through parking lots to observe traffic and vehicles pulling in/out of parking spaces.

- Obey all traffic regulations – this includes observing stop signs, one-way areas and traffic signals.
- Carts should not be parked within 20 feet of the entrance or exit of any building, except at loading docks or during the short term process of unloading equipment, etc.
- Use caution when driving downhill; reducing speed and avoiding sharp turns. To avoid tipping over, drive carts straight up and straight down slopes.
- Avoid sudden stops or change of direction that may result in a loss of control.
- Operators of vehicles that are not equipped with turn indicators should use appropriate hand signals. Allow for extra travel time and stopping distance when roads are wet or slick from the weather.
- The vehicle should be turned off when refueling the cart. Failure to do so may result in personal injury due to explosion.

After the Trip

- When finished with the cart, remove the key and take it to the proper key storage location and secure the vehicle if it is lockable.
- Make certain the parking brake (where applicable) is applied and whenever possible, park in a manner that will not allow the cart to move if the parking brake were accidentally released.

Schedule Golf Cart Training with a NBSIA

Safety Specialist

Submit a request at www.NBSIA.org



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