

University of Rhode Island

Golf Cart Safety Procedures

POLICY: Establishes the acceptable use of Golf Carts on University property.

APPLICABILITY: All faculty, staff, students, guests and conference attendees.

To protect the health, safety and welfare of the University community, the following rules and regulations apply to any individual who operates a golf cart on the University campus. These Procedures apply to all non-registered motorized vehicles on campus, including, John Deere Gators, Kubota's, etc.

- Operators of golf carts be 18 years or older and must possess a valid driver's license.
- Only personnel with specific permission may operate golf carts. The only students permitted to operate golf cars are student employees or approved volunteers with supervisor permission. Guests and/or conference attendees may be permitted, on a case by case basis, to operate golf carts based upon a determination by the Department of Risk Management.
- Check tires and brakes prior to operating golf cart to ensure they are in proper working order.
- Do not drive on sidewalks unless a roadway is not available and then only to the nearest adjacent street.
- Do not park on a sidewalk.
- Do not drive or park on landscaped lawns, athletic fields or natural covered areas where campus roadways or sidewalks are available.
- Golf carts should not be operated at more than 10 miles per hour. Speed should be reduced to compensate turns, hills, pedestrians, and weather conditions.
- All vehicles must travel in the direction of the flow of traffic and must obey all campus traffic regulations and signs.
- Golf carts should not attempt to pass other motor vehicles, including other moving golf carts.
- Operators of golf carts which are not equipped with turn indicators shall use appropriate hand signals.
- Operators and passengers may not drink alcoholic beverages before they enter a golf cart or while in the cart.
- Operators must give pedestrians the right-of-way and maintain adequate distance between vehicles and pedestrians.
- Golf carts shall be operated within the confines of the University premises only.
- Occupancy shall not exceed the passenger limit and load capacity designated by the vehicle manufacturer.
- No standing in or on the back of a golf cart while riding. All occupants must keep hands, head and feet with in the cab at all times while in motion.
- Operators may not wear headphones or headsets while operating golf carts.
- Operators are required to take golf cart ignition keys and set the brake when leaving the cart and are responsible for the security of the keys while the cart is assigned to them.
- Operators are required to immediately report any and all accidents to their direct supervisors who will notify campus police and Risk Management.
- Supervisors shall ensure that all authorized operators have reviewed and signed the policy form.

I have read and understand the above policy.

Event

Department

Supervisor



Signature

Print Name

Date