

Golf Cart Safety Is A Must

Whether you buy the latest golf cart model at the highest price possible, or find one at a discount rate, it's important to remember these are considered in many locations to be motorized vehicles. They can be dangerous if not operated properly and they will, in a lot of locations, be required to conform to the rules of the road that any car or truck driver must observe. Golf carts have gained in popularity for a number of reasons. Perhaps the most obvious is the fact they tend to run on battery power rather than gasoline. With gas prices becoming ever more ridiculous, it's no wonder these little vehicles are the preferred mode of getting around by those who can use them. Being safe in a golf cart requires mostly common sense, but these rules, too, should be observed: * Keep golf carts on designated paths or on roadways where they are allowed. Remember, some locations do allow carts on roadways, but some don't. Know the local laws to avoid tickets. Whatever the case, do not operate them on sidewalks. It's not safe for pedestrians or you. * Whether you're operating on a cart path or on a designated roadway where a golf cart's use is permitted, remember to give pedestrians the right of way. Just like driving a car, those who are on foot get to go first. * Don't overload a cart with passengers. If a golf cart is rated for two people, don't try to cram in four. Use common sense here to avoid unnecessary injury. * Keep arms, legs, feet and so on in the cart at all times. This is just smart whether you're in a car, golf cart or otherwise. Accidents can and do happen this way and there are generally no do overs in life. * Heed speed limits. Golf cart paths might have their own limits, but when on the roadways in particular, do pay attention to the miles allowed. Carts don't go fast, but depending on the terrain and the weight in the cart, it still may be possible to speed. * Treat a cart like a car when driving. This means look out for pedestrians and other obstructions when backing up and going forward, paying attention to stop signs and other such regulations. A cart doesn't go very fast, but it can still cause injury and even death. Follow all basic safety procedures and driving laws for a regular car, and you should be on the right track to safety. Golf carts are a great way to get people from one point to another without having to pay \$3 or more per gallon. But, they can be dangerous. When operating them, it's important to observe the rules of the road and sprinkle this heavily with common sense. They may be cute and they may be little, but a golf cart in the wrong hands can still be dangerous. These machines are not built for speed and they're not built for abuse, but if treated carefully, they do serve their purpose and do it well. Copyright (c) 2006

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