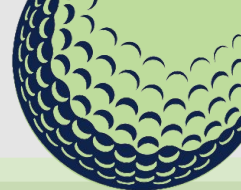


GOLF CART SAFETY



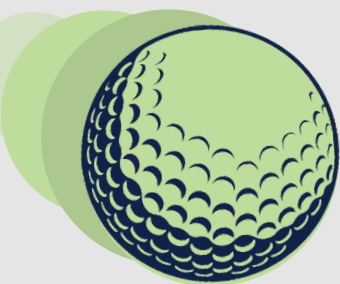
Golf carts are becoming increasingly popular as a mode of local transportation. This has led to an increase in golf cart-related injuries. More than 6,500 people are injured yearly by golf carts, and more than half are younger than 12 years old.



Golf Cart Laws

The driver must be at least 16 years old with a valid driver's license. The golf cart:

- must be insured, permitted, and registered with SCDMV.
- must remain within four miles of your home, where it is legal to drive.
- may be operated on roads with posted speeds of 35 mph or less.
- may be operated during daylight hours only.



Passenger Safety

- Have no more than one passenger per seat.
- Do not overload the cart with passengers or cargo.
- Keep all parts of the body in the cart at all times.
- Do not let anyone stand when the cart is in motion.
- Make sure all cargo is secured to the cart while in motion.



While In Use

- Obey traffic laws when on the road.
- Use hand signals when turning or stopping.
- Avoid distracted driving (cell phone use, drinking, eating).
- Slow down when approaching and making turns, and driving on slopes.
- Look behind before operating in reverse.



Fire Safety

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for charging and maintaining your cart.
- Never charge carts overnight.
- Refuel the cart in a well-vented area and only when the engine has cooled.
- Never use a damaged charging or extension cord for charging the golf cart.



Following the rules of the road, practicing safe driving habits, and using proper refueling and recharging safety tips can help reduce the risk of injury when operating a golf cart.

