

# Golf Cart Safety



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# What are you driving?

Did you know that defensive driving applies NOT ONLY to licensed vehicles such as cars and trucks but also to unlicensed vehicles such as golf carts and Gators?



# Carts, cars... what's the difference?

- Carts roll easier
- Carts always operate near pedestrians
- Carts run silently
- Other motor vehicles have the right-of-way
- Center of gravity is lower than most vehicles
- In a collision – the cart ALWAYS loses!



# Guidelines for Use of Service Carts

- Applies to ALL operators of service carts
- ALL users must have a current/valid driver's license in possession
- Drivers must be 18 years of age or older
- All drivers must be trained in cart operation
- ALL employees operating carts must comply with all traffic laws
- Employees are responsible for understanding and complying with the manufacturer's operating recommendations



# What does this symbol mean?



# Read All Warning Labels



# For Example

- **WARNING:** Riding in cargo bed can cause severe injury or death. Do not ride in cargo bed.



# Rules of the road still apply:

- You must obey traffic signs and signals
- Pedestrians have the right-of-way
- You must obey posted speed limits



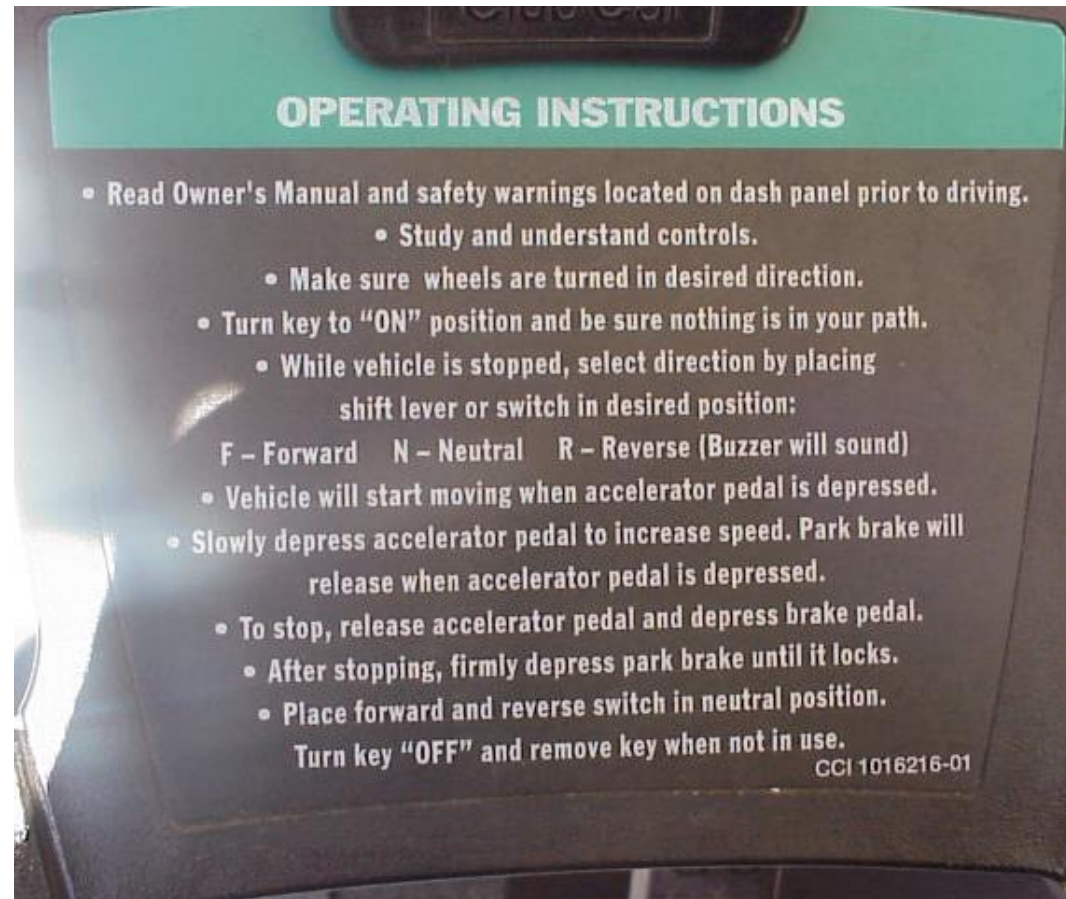


# Obey Driving Instructions



# Driving the Vehicle

- Always check behind the vehicle before backing
- No more occupants than the number of seats
- Keep hands and feet inside the vehicle
- Drive slow
- Avoid steep grades



# Driving the Vehicle

- Accelerator Pedal
- Brake Pedal
- Parking Brake



# Pre-trip Check

- Conduct a visual check of the cart before driving
- Do the brakes work?
- Check for correct tire pressure



# Pre-trip Check

- Check for obstacles or pedestrians around the vehicle
- Adjust mirrors
- Check lights & turn signals
- Be sure everything is properly stored



# Cart Safety Guidelines

- Obey ALL traffic signs
- Do not exceed cart weight capacity
- Sudden stops or changes in direction may result in loss of control
- Keep hands and feet inside at all times when cart is moving
- Avoid tipping over – drive straight up or down a slope
- Always remain seated
- Slow down before and during turns
- Reduce speed, use extra care in inclement weather



# When in doubt, Ask...

- About load capacity
- About operating procedures
- About maintenance records



# Should you be driving?

- Are you tired, upset, fatigued, ill?
- Are you taking prescription or over-the-counter medication?

**No one should be allowed to drive a vehicle while under the influence.**





# Hang on!

- Hand holds are provided for passenger balance and safety when vehicle is in operation.





# Night Driving

- If you are driving at night does the cart have:
  - working headlights?
  - brake lights?
  - turn-signal lights
- Drive cautious – pedestrians may not see you coming.
- Check the lights before driving at night.



# To Wrap it Up:

- Know the vehicle you are driving.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not “horse around” with the vehicle
- Drive slow.



THANK  
YOU!



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