

Golf Cart and Utility Vehicle Use – Operator Agreement

Serious injuries and significant property damage can be related to the use of golf carts and utility vehicles. The following safety regulations are required of all operators:

1. Before operating the vehicle, operators must complete the Golf Cart and Utility Vehicle Training course at Learn@ISU.
2. All operators must have a valid driver's license and be at least 18 years of age.
3. All operators must have completed a motor vehicle record check with Transportation Services.
4. Only individuals authorized by the coordinating department/organization may operate these vehicles.
5. Operators must know where the use of a golf cart/utility vehicle is permitted and restricted.
6. Golf carts and utility vehicles should not be operated at speeds greater than 15 mph. The maximum speed depends upon the terrain over which it is being driven, other pedestrian and/or vehicle traffic, the weather conditions, and the total weight of the vehicle, passengers and any equipment being carried. The vehicle should be operated at a speed equivalent to a quick walking pace. Use extra care on hills, wet turf, loose surfaces or rough ground.
7. Drive slowly around turns, on hills, in dimly lit areas, and when visibility is at all restricted.
8. **Golf carts and utility vehicles are subject to rollover.** To avoid a rollover, drive slowly through turns and drive straight (and slowly) up and down slopes. Do not drive on the diagonal.
9. Reduce speed when approaching pedestrians and give pedestrians the right of way.
10. Golf carts and utility vehicles are to cross streets at crosswalks only.
11. Operators and passengers must remain seated and keep hands, arms and legs inside the vehicle at all times when in motion. No one should exit until the vehicle has come to a complete stop.
12. No texting or operating cell phones while operating the vehicle.
13. Golf carts and utility vehicles must never exceed the maximum number of passengers designated by the manufacturer.
14. Operators must always take the keys out of the vehicle and set the brake when leaving the vehicle.
15. Do not park vehicles blocking emergency equipment, pedestrian aisles, doorways, intersections, or flow of traffic.
16. Abide by Iowa vehicle traffic laws such as stop signs, traffic lights, etc.
17. When driving, maintain adequate distance between vehicles.
18. Operators and passengers may not drink alcoholic beverages before they enter a golf cart/utility vehicle or while in the vehicle.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS.

Operator Name (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Operator Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Authorized ISU Representative
(PLEASE PRINT):** _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Completed original should remain on file in department/unit for 3 years