

Golf Cart Safety Cont.

The following are safety procedures for golf cart use:

- Never operate golf cart while under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Limit the number of people in the golf cart to manufacturer recommendation.
- Install seat belts.
- Yield to pedestrians – *They Have the Right of Way!*
- Reduce speed when taking sharp turns.
- Slow down and honk horn at intersections
- Inspect the vehicle before using – brakes, tires, lights, steer capability.
- Observe traffic laws.
- Avoid sidewalks.
- Use safety mirrors.
- Approach steep or uneven ground vertically to avoid tipping over.



SAFETY TIPS FOR "KIDS ON WHEELS"



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Bicycle Safety

Many bicycle related crashes which resulted in injury or death are associated with the bicyclist's behavior, including such things as not wearing a bicycle helmet, riding into a street without stopping, turning left or swerving into traffic that is coming from behind, running a stop sign and riding the wrong way in traffic.

Cyclists have the same rights and duties as other vehicle operators and must observe the same Rules of the Road as motorists.

To maximize your safety here are some safety tips:

- Inspect your bike – are tires properly inflated? Do the brakes work?
- Wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet – protect your brain and save your life.
- See and Be Seen – wear bright colors – use reflectors.
- Avoid riding at night.
- Go with the traffic flow.
- Look before turning – always look behind you for a break in traffic.
- Children less than 10 years old should not ride in the street – best if they use a sidewalk.



Car Safety

The safest place for children 12 and under is properly buckled in the back seat. If a child must ride in the front seat, the seat should be moved as far back from the air bag as possible, and the child should sit in a car seat that is appropriate for their age and size.

Safety features to look for to protect children:

- Side impact air bags – do not let children lean against the side of vehicle.
- Rear seat belt warning system – tells the driver if the children in the rear seat are wearing seat belts, alerts if seatbelt is unfastened.
- Automatic door locks – helps prevent the door from accidentally opening when vehicle is moving, reduces risk of falling out in a crash.
- Child safety locks – allows the driver to control the rear door locks – when turned on the rear doors cannot be opened from the inside.
- Backup cameras – back over crashes cause approximately 210 deaths and 15,000 injuries each year. Tell your children not to play around vehicles, and always check around and behind your vehicle before starting your car.
- Child Safety Seats!



Golf Cart Safety

Unlike cars, golf carts lack many safety features that prevent serious injuries, such as doors, mirrors, lights and safety belts. If a golf cart exceeds a speed of 15mph serious injury can occur on impact with an object or if a person is thrown from the cart. It is also typical for the cart to tip or roll over, which can cause severe injuries like crushed or caught limbs.

The following are safety procedures for golf cart use:

- Keep your legs, feet and arms inside the golf cart.
- Driver and passengers must remain seated while the vehicle is moving.
- Use caution when driving over wet, muddy, steep or uneven ground.

