

Golf Cart and Gator Utility Vehicle Safety Fundamentals

1. Obey all vehicle traffic laws and rules of the road.
2. Avoid distractions while operating the golf cart/Gator just as you would in an automobile.
3. **Only carry the number of passengers for which there are seats.**
4. **Drivers and all passengers should keep all body parts (arms, legs, feet) inside the cart/Gator while the vehicle is in motion, except when signaling a turn.**
5. **Using a cart/Gator while distracted, such as use of earbuds or talking on the phone is prohibited; so drivers can maintain situational awareness, such as a vehicle approaching from behind.**
6. **Do not allow anyone to ride standing in the vehicle or on the back platform or bed of the vehicle.** Do not put the vehicle in motion until all passengers are safely seated inside the vehicle.
7. Operate the vehicle from the driver's side only.
8. Always use hand signals to indicate your intent to turn due to the small size and limited visibility of the turn signals on a golf cart/Gator.
9. Check blind spots before turning. When making a left hand turn, yield to the thru traffic lane and merge into that lane before turning left.
10. Carefully turn and look behind the golf cart/Gator before backing up.
11. Avoid sharp turns at maximum speed, and drive straight up and down slopes to reduce the risk of passenger ejections and/or rollover. **Avoid excessive speed, sudden starts, stops and fast turns.**
12. Reduce speed due to driving conditions, especially hills or other inclines or declines, blind corners, intersections, pedestrians and inclement weather.
13. **Do not leave keys in the golf cart/Gator while unattended and make sure the parking brake is set.**
14. Always yield to pedestrians and be cognizant of motor vehicles.
15. Use extreme caution in inclement weather. Although a golf cart/Gator may shield you from the rain, it may not protect you from a lightning strike.