

# Driving Safety Off-Road Vehicles

USCB - DPS  
Environmental Health & Safety



# USCB Golf Cart Policies

- ▶ Operators must possess a valid Drivers License.
- ▶ Must attend safety training specific to vehicle and annual safety class.
- ▶ Not exceed 15 mph in carts
- ▶ Shall not use cell phones or other communications devices while driving
- ▶ Remain on the grounds of USCB



# Golf Cart Policies

- ▶ Not exceed the maximum safe occupancy of the vehicle
- ▶ Not exceed the load capacity
- ▶ No modifications to vehicles without approval of manufacturer.
- ▶ Light must be used between sunset and sunrise
- ▶ Charging or fueling must be done in safe location.



# Golf Cart Policies

- ▶ Carts must be parked away from heavily traveled pedestrian areas.
- ▶ No parking in front of building entrances doorways.
- ▶ Pedestrians have the right of way; carts must yield to pedestrians on sidewalks



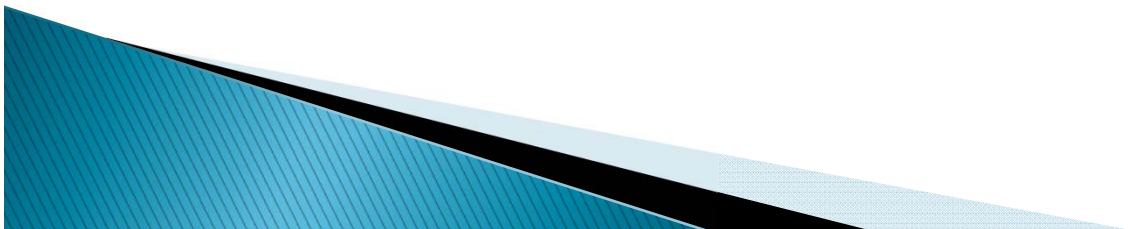
# Golf Cart Policy

- ▶ Must not tamper or modify carts governor
- ▶ All private golf carts operated on campus must have a valid SC golf Cart Sticker.
- ▶ Private Golf Carts are not allowed to operate on sidewalks, athletic fields, or grass areas and restricted to paved highways and parking areas.



# Employees Responsibility

- ▶ Inspecting vehicle to ensure it is safe to drive.
- ▶ Operating cart in safe manner
- ▶ Reporting accidents to University Police.



# Supervisors Responsibility

- ▶ Ensuring all drivers are licensed and attend safety training and certification
- ▶ Submitting employees driver licenses to Safety Officer
- ▶ Taking timely corrective action for any employee infractions of this policy
- ▶ Repairs on carts are completed.
- ▶ Maintain proper safety devices on vehicles.



# 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



# Carts vs. Cars...

- ▶ Center of gravity is lower than most vehicles
- ▶ Speed limit is MUCH lower – 5 mph on campus
- ▶ In a collision – the cart ALWAYS loses!



# 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

# Carrying A Load

- ▶ Do not exceed load capacity
- ▶ Balance the load
- ▶ Secure the load
- ▶ Be sure you can see behind the vehicle
- ▶ Loads can change on steep grades
- ▶ No one rides in the back



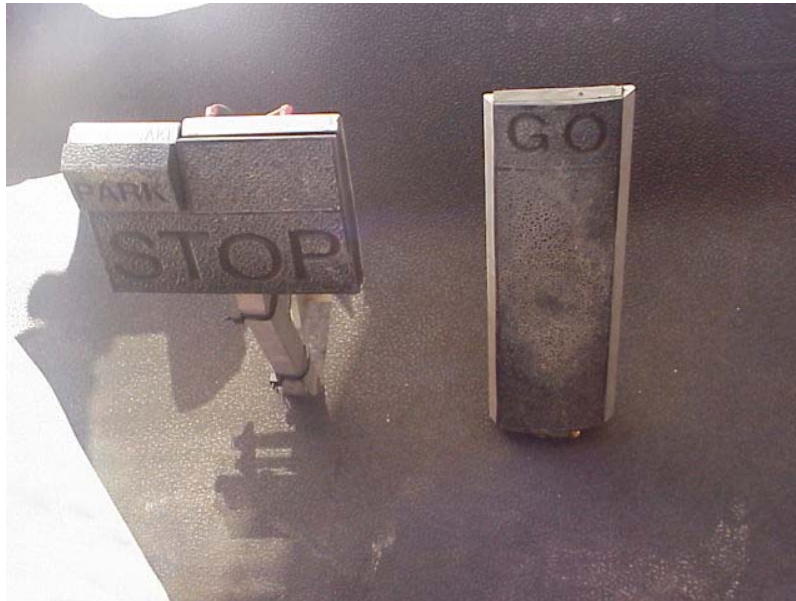
# What about...

- ▶ Cart or truck – rules of the road apply:
- ▶ You must obey traffic signs and signals
- ▶ Pedestrians have the right-of-way
- ▶ You must obey campus speed limits





# Operating Equipment



Accelerator Pedal

Brake Pedal

Parking Brake

# 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



# Pedestrians

- ▶ Pedestrians have the right of way
- ▶ Avoid sidewalks when possible
- ▶ Drive slow
- ▶ Avoid driving during class change times , if possible.
- ▶ Avoid driving on the grass unless necessary



# Leaving the Vehicle Unattended

- ▶ Do not dismount vehicle before it has come to a complete stop
- ▶ Engage the brake
- ▶ Turn off the engine
- ▶ Take the key



# Parking

- ▶ Do not park in front of a door
- ▶ Do not block fire exits
- ▶ Park at least 20 feet from building door entrance
- ▶ Engage the parking brake



# 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.





# Just plain common sense...

- ▶ Always tie-down your load
- ▶ Always set your brake once you get to your destination
- ▶ After loading, check to see if all four wheels still touching the ground?



# Review

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

