



# UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

### GOLF CART AND UTILITY VEHICLE ADVISORY NOTICE

There has been an increase in pedestrian traffic and vehicle use on campus roadways, access roads, and sidewalks. This has led to a noticeable increase in pedestrian/vehicle accidents and injuries. This advisory notice is being issued in order to address these campus accidents and to inform the University Community of the appropriate protocols for safe operation and use of Golf Carts and Utility Vehicles at the University of Central Florida (UCF).

#### Vehicle Definitions:

- For the purpose of this advisory, “Utility vehicle” means a non-tagged motor vehicle designed and manufactured for general maintenance, security, and landscaping purposes. These include but are not limited to Gator™ Utility Vehicles, motorized Club Cars or similar motorized light all-terrain vehicles used for similar purposes.
- For the purpose of this advisory, “Electric vehicle” means a non-tagged vehicle that is powered by an electric motor that draws current from rechargeable storage batteries, fuel cells, or other sources of electrical current. These include but are not limited to golf carts, electric Club Cars, or similar vehicle.
- Licensed and tagged vehicles are equipped with headlamps, stop lamps, turn signal lamps, tail lamps, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, windshields, and seat belts shall follow the traffic rules of Florida statute.

#### Vehicle Operating Standards:

- Only faculty and staff of the University or a Direct Support Organization of the University may be authorized to drive golf carts and utility vehicles on campus. Vendors and contractors may be authorized to use golf carts and utility vehicles on campus with the approval of the Chief Financial Officer of the University.
- Golf carts and utility vehicles will be operated in such a manner that they do not impede or interfere with normal pedestrian or vehicular traffic flow.
- Golf carts and utility vehicles are to be operated at speeds no greater than 15 MPH or as safety concerns demand.
- Golf carts and utility vehicles will be operated only within the confines of University Main Campus.
- Utility vehicles may drive on the roadways of the University if they are equipped with headlamps, stop lamps, turn signal lamps, tail lamps, and seat belts.
- Golf carts may not drive on roadways of the University except to cross a roadway.
- Golf carts and utility vehicles are not to be driven on any landscaped area.
- Pedestrians will be given the right-of-way at all times.
- Golf carts and utility vehicles will not be parked:
  - in Fire Lanes
  - in Disabled Parking

- within 20 feet of the main entrance/exit of any building in any manner that would impede the safe discharge of building occupants in the event of an emergency

### **Responsibilities:**

- Supervisors should assure the following:
  - that each golf cart or utility vehicle owned by the department is registered with the UCF Insurance Coordinator and marked with the assigned number
  - that each golf cart or utility vehicle owned by the department is maintained in proper working condition and that maintenance records are maintained on file
  - that each employee in their department who is authorized to operate a golf carts or utility vehicle has a valid Florida driver's license
  - that each employee in their department who is authorized to operate a golf carts or utility vehicle has completed on-line training provided by UCF EHS or some other entity

### **Authority:**

- Campus Safety and Health Policy 3-122
- Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law, Chapter 316
- Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law, Chapter 320