

DU Golf Cart Procedures

The following Golf Cart Procedures are provided pursuant to, and should be read in conjunction with, DU's [Use of University Vehicles Policy](#).

1. Golf Cart Driving Prerequisites

All DU faculty, staff, students, or volunteers who drive DU owned/leased/rented golf carts as an integral part of any DU program, event, organization or work-related activity must complete the online Golf Cart Safety Training Course.

2. Golf Cart Safety Rules

A. Where you may drive

- Golf carts must be driven on the sidewalk whenever possible and must use cross walks when crossing the street.
- Golf carts must **never** be driven on any street with a posted speed limit above **30 mph**, in accordance with local law.¹

B. How you must drive

- Golf carts must be operated with the utmost courtesy, care, and consideration for the safety and convenience of other vehicles and pedestrians. In congested pedestrian areas, operators must park or reduce speed to a pace consistent with pedestrians. Pedestrians must be afforded the right-of-way at all times. This includes persons walking, jogging, bicycling and those in wheelchairs or mobility assistance devices.
- Texting, use of a handheld device (including GPS), or engaging in any other distraction that takes the driver's eyes off the road or hands off the wheel while on DU business or participating in DU activities is prohibited. Hands-free cell phone use is permitted in an emergency situation. Restrictions on texting and use of handheld devices are applicable even if it is not prohibited by state law in which the vehicle is being operated.
- Drivers of golf carts that are not equipped with turn indicators must use appropriate hand signals.
- All occupants in the golf cart must keep hands, arms, legs and feet within the confines of the golf cart while it is in motion.
- Golf carts must **never** be driven more than **25 mph**, in accordance with local law.²

C. Safety features

- If a golf cart is equipped with seatbelts, all occupants must always wear seatbelts.
- Items being transported must be placed in the rear box and/or properly secured. Neither cargo nor passengers shall be placed on the roof of the cart.

¹ DENVER, COLO., REV. MUN. CODE OF THE CITY & CNTY. OF DENVER § 54-662.

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