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### TOP CART ACCIDENTS

- 1) **FALL FROM CART**—35% of golf car accidents involve a person falling out of the cart
- 2) **EJECTIONS**—Of ejection accidents, 10% involve a rollover. Rollover accidents are 2X as likely to result in serious injury
- 3) **THEFT—JOY RIDERS**—often the result of leaving keys in unattended cart
- 4) **STRIKING RESIDENTS/PEDESTIANS**—operators fail to yield to pedestrians
- 5) **CHEMICALS**—burns from batteries, PPE not worn by maintenance

### FAST REVIEW

- \*Know Your Vehicle
- \*Take measures to ensure passenger safety
- \*NO “JOY” riding or horseplay
- \*Avoid sudden turns or abrupt maneuvers
- \*Expand your look ahead capacity
- \*Yield to pedestrians
- \*Slow down, (5MPH)
- \*Always remove key and set parking brake after use

# Golf Cart Safety

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## Operation, Maintenance, & Security

Golf and motorized carts serve as an important transportation tool at many multi-family properties. When used properly and safely, they are a very valuable resource for transport, showing the property, and gaining access to hard to reach areas when delivering heavy items in order to minimize manual lifting exposures. To ensure the safe operation of this equipment, the following minimum standards for operator qualification and training should be adhered to:

### Operator Approval

- ☑ Operators must have a current/valid driver's license in possession
- ☑ Operators must be 18 or older, no exceptions
- ☑ All operators must have completed training in safe cart

operation (Documented)

- ☑ Zero Tolerance “Horseplay” Policy signed and filed in operator file

### Operator Daily Don'ts

- ☑ Operators must not be distracted, fatigued, or ill
- ☑ Operators must not be taking prescription or over-the-counter medication that could cause drowsiness or impairment
- ☑ Operators must not be emotionally upset

### Warnings & Instructions

- ☑ Operators must be familiar with the operating instructions and warnings for the cart you are using. These instructions and warnings are typically located on the steering wheel and dash area.

### Pre-Trip/Maintenance

A visual check of the cart should always be performed prior to

operation. This check should include the following:

- ☑ Brakes
- ☑ Tire Condition & Pressure
- ☑ Horn
- ☑ Hand Holds/Secure
- ☑ Other (lights, mirrors, etc)

Note: maintenance should only be performed by authorized personnel with proper PPE worn

### Parking Carts

- ☑ Never dismount cart before it has come to a complete stop
- ☑ Engage the brake
- ☑ Turn off engine & take key

### Security

- ☑ Always remove the key after use
- ☑ Store carts in a designated, secure, well lit area
- ☑ Park indoors if possible
- ☑ Use a steering wheel locking device if available

## Accident Prevention

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, (CPSC), there are approximately 10,000 golf cart related injuries in the US annually. Below are some prevention tips:

- ▶ **Ensure all passengers are properly seated before operation**

- ▶ **Never allow anyone to get up or exit before cart is at complete stop**
- ▶ **Always remove keys and set parking brake when unattended**
- ▶ **Obey all traffic signs and signals**

- ▶ **Pedestrians always have the right-of-way**
- ▶ **Avoid public roads**
- ▶ **No more riders than number of seats**
- ▶ **Avoid steep or uneven grades**
- ▶ **“Don't” overload cart**

