

# Golf Car Safety Guidelines

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In a community like The Villages, it's important to know the rules of the road when it comes to golf cars. A golf car is defined as a vehicle that is designed for operation on a golf course or for sport or recreation activities. Golf cars and low-speed vehicles must follow the same traffic laws as cars, including regulatory signs and the use of directional (or hand) signals while making turns. Operators of these vehicles can be issued traffic citations just like if they were driving an automobile, and these citations carry fines along with adding points to your driver's license.

A street-legal, low-speed vehicle is defined as a four-wheel electric vehicle whose top speed is greater than 20 mph, but less than 25 mph. A golf car must not be capable of exceeding 20 mph. Street-legal, low-speed vehicles may operate on streets where the posted limit is 35 mph or less. These vehicles may also cross roads that have a speed limit greater than 35 mph.

To operate at night or before sunrise, golf cars must be equipped with:

- Headlights & brake lights

- Turn signals
- Windshield
- Red reflective warning devices on the front and rear of the vehicle

Headlights should always be used 30 minutes before sunset and 30 minutes after sunrise. Headlights should also be used during inclement weather.

### Be Safe

- Do not let anyone ride standing in the vehicle or on the back platform.
- Children should not be sitting on the driver's lap and should never be steering the vehicle.
- Passengers should keep their arms and legs inside the vehicle at all times (except for the driver when signaling a turn).
- Golf cars should yield to other vehicular traffic in all cases.
- Don't text/call while driving.
- Golf cars and other low-speed vehicles aren't permitted to travel on sidewalks.

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### To be street legal, vehicles must have:

- Registered license plate & insurance
- Seat belts
- Windshield
- Rearview mirror
- Horn
- Headlights, taillights & brake lights
- Side reflectors
- Parking brake
- Turn signals
- VIN number

### Know The Rules

- Golf car drivers must possess a valid form of government-issued photographic identification.
- Drivers under 18 years of age must possess a valid driver's license or learner's driver's license.
- Golf cars may not cross or drive on CR 466/466A, Hwy 27/441 or any other road with a posted speed limit of 35 mph and above.
- FDOT/State roads only allow crossings of golf carts. Golf cars are NOT allowed on state roads.
- Golf cars are not allowed on

County roads unless approved for neighborhoods by the County.

- Golf cars must use the transportation multi-modal paths adjacent to El Camino Real, Buena Vista Blvd, Morse Blvd, CR 466 and CR 466A.
- Golf cars can drive on streets in The Villages with a posted speed limit of 30 mph or less. Golf cars should be driven in the marked diamond lanes or along the right-hand edge of the street if there is not a marked lane.

This information aims to promote and encourage golf car safety in The Villages. Following these rules of the road and safety tips will help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone traveling on the multi-modal paths and roadways in a golf car.

To view the District's Golf Car Rules of the Road and Safety Tips handout, [click here](#). For more information and helpful resources, go to [DistrictGov.org](http://DistrictGov.org) > [Multi-Modal Path & Golf Car Information and Safety Quick Link](#).