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Golf Cart Usage Guidelines

- The golf cart is a licensed (restricted plate), electric vehicle; drivers must have a current/valid driver's licence and obey all the rules of the road and traffic signs.
- The cart is primarily driven by an IACE staff member, but may be driven by other departments or members who have booked Elders, as long as they have completed the driver training. Darlene Masso, IACE Administrative Assistant, will provide training to any staff.
- The max speed on-campus is 10 km/hr (15 km/hr in parking lots); there is no speedometer; drive slowly and gauge it according to pedestrian traffic and space available for maneuvering. The top speed of the cart is 28 km/hr. A vehicle must be able to go 30 km/hr, in order to be street-legal.
- The cart is not to be driven on the sidewalks around Ring Road. Please do not drive around the entirety of Ring Road. You may drive for example, from the FPH to CARSA via Ring Road, then Gabriola Rd. On-campus, stick to wider footpaths, paved areas, and grass, so long as it's not thick, wet/soggy, bumpy grass, as the cart can sink in and possibly get stuck, or could damage the lawn or cart. Keep in mind that driving on grass here means a bumpy, uncomfortable ride for your passengers.
- The maximum load is five passengers + driver; it has turn signals (please make an effort to use them when there are many people to navigate around).
- The cart is longer than an average cart or even small cars, so you need to make wider turns than normal, and slowly, being mindful of the back-end. You'll also find the steering to be stiffer and less responsive than most cars, and it doesn't have much in the way of shock absorbers. The ride is bumpy on uneven surfaces.
- Do not take the cart into or through any area that is:
 - very narrow, has a low overhang
 - appears to be impeded in some way
 - is a tight fit
- Do not take risks with the cart, or endanger your passengers' safety or comfort.
- Do not hit, rub, scrape, drive into anything (or anyone), with the cart.
- The cart just barely fits through the metal poles that are in front of the Petch breezeway with only a few inches to spare. If choosing this route, please approach it straight on, and go slowly through them, when driving to EOW, ELW, and ECS. The other option is to drive past Elliot, then around Bob Wright, in order to access the laneway that runs the length of the Engineering buildings (this is the preferred route).
- Do not take the cart down the wheelchair ramp in front of the University Centre.
- Do not drive the cart through the narrow bicycle access that is at the junction of Gabriola Rd. and Ring Rd.
- The cart does not have seat belts so please be mindful of passenger safety when starting, stopping and turning; do not use excessive speed.

- Pedestrians have the right of way and should not be honked at or yelled at to “get out of the way.” Please be respectful and alert pedestrians politely in a quiet voice that you are approaching them if they are not already aware of your presence.
- When parking it on-campus, put the e-brake on, put in neutral, turn off, remove key, and ensure lights are off. Please do not block doors, accessibility ramps, or leave the cart where it would impede foot traffic and vehicle traffic.
- If you do have an accident, even if it is what you might consider minor, please report it to IACE, and be prepared to note all the details of the incident. The damage will be reviewed and noted on the return check-in.

Once guidelines are reviewed, you may submit a [Golf Cart for Use Request Form](#).