

Operation and Maintenance (continued)

- Follow manufacturer's instructions for battery charger.
- Once a month (or more frequently depending on usage) check the battery levels to ensure they have water. This has been the major contributor to the recent golf cart fires.
- Keep battery posts and surrounding wires clean.
- Check air pressure in tires.
- When tires become worn—replace them.
- Ensure that horn, lights, brakes and brake lights are all functioning properly.
- Only an approved battery charger should be used to recharge the batteries (designed to shut off automatically when the batteries are fully charged).
- Though not mandatory, it is advisable to have your golf cart serviced once a year. Most golf cart dealers will come to your home to perform this service.

Golf Cart Operation

- Seat belts **MUST** be always be

used while golf cart in operation.

- Never operate a cart under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Keep hands & feet within cart at all times.
- Lock brakes before exiting cart.
- Slow down when approaching corners on public roads.
- Always turn to see behind cart while reversing .
- Drive defensively—you share the roadways with vehicles and very little protection surrounding you.
- Vehicles have the right of way—golf carts must yield.

BE SAFE—ALWAYS!



GOLF CART SAFETY

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Operation and Maintenance

The purpose of this booklet is to present those safety issues that will promote an awareness of operating golf carts with common sense, courtesy and safety; both while operating on the roads and housed in residents garages. The use of golf carts is a privilege and benefit that must be exercised by safe, informed and responsible drivers.



California License or Lincoln Permit for Golf Carts

Golf carts only need a Lincoln Permit to travel within the Lincoln Golf Cart Plan (GCTP) (CVC 21115). Because golf carts are restricted to that plan, there is no advantage to obtaining a CA license. NEVs have other routes they are allowed to use within Lincoln. Please see the map provided by the City of Lincoln for details on allowable routes.

City of Lincoln Permit

Obtain a Golf Cart Registration form at the Sun City Orchard Creek Lodge,

Lincoln Police Department, or from the Lincoln Police Department website—www.lincolnpd.org. Bring prepared registration form, a valid drivers license, proof of insurance and a check made to the order of: City of Lincoln for \$50.00 (2 year permit), to the Orchard Creek Lodge on either the 1st or 3rd Thursday of the month with your golf cart. Registration is done between the hours of 8:00—9:00 a.m.

Be sure to check with your insurance carrier for proper insurance coverage. They need to be aware that your golf cart is being operated on city street and not just on a golf course.

Allowed Routes Outside Sun City

Golf carts are allowed within the Sun City Lincoln Hills Community plus :

- Back path into the Safeway Shopping area
- To Kaiser Hospital
- To Lincoln library (Twelve Bridges)
- Raley's Shopping area
- NOT allowed on sidewalks or pathways (except the path leading to Safeway).
- NOT allowed to continue to Red Robin, Lowe's or overpass to Home Depot/ Target area

Operator

MUST have a valid CA drivers license and insurance while operating a golf cart at all times. Should an adult lose his/her California Drivers License, contact DMV as

they may issue a "Restricted License" that operates within certain perimeters. CHILDREN may NOT drive golf carts.

CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODES

The same laws for operating a vehicle apply to the operation of golf carts. You MUST comply with all laws pertaining the operations of vehicles on roadways.

WARNING

IN RECENT MONTHS THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN GOLF CARTS DESTROYED BY FIRE. The cause of these fires has been due to lack of maintenance, knowledge and care. PLEASE read the following suggestions to ensure your safety and those around you, and the safety of your home.

Golf Cart Storage & Maintenance

Most golf carts are housed in a garage. Battery recharging operations produce hydrogen gas that is lighter than air and is highly volatile. Not only is it important to eliminate potential ignition sources where these vapors can accumulate, but also to provide adequate ventilation to remove or dilute the volatility of the vapors.

