Safety Tip: Golf Cart Use

The Department of Environmental Health and Safety would like to remind the University Community that anyone who drives a golf cart on campus must complete the Golf Cart Policy process. You can find information on driver authorization, including the driver authorization form by clicking on the following link:

rwu.edu/about/university-offices/ehs/vehicle/golf-cart-policy

Please keep in mind that the following safety procedures should always be followed when driving a golf cart:

- Golf carts should be operated on campus roadways only. Golf Carts are strictly prohibited from driving on town streets including crossing Metacom Avenue to go to the Bridgehouse. Sidewalks should be used only where roadways are not available, and then only to the nearest adjacent street. No golf cart shall be parked on a sidewalk so as to block or restrict pedestrian traffic. Golf carts are not to be driven or parked on landscaped lawns, athletic fields or natural covered areas where campus roadways or sidewalks are available. Blocking entrances to buildings, stairways, handicap ramps or main thoroughfares is prohibited. Operators of golf carts must possess a valid driver’s license and must sign for receipt of a copy of this policy prior to operating a golf cart. Only personnel with specific permission may operate golf carts.

- Golf carts are not to be operated, for any reason, by minors (under 18), dependents of authorized operators, persons not affiliated with the University, or persons not possessing a valid driver’s license. The only students permitted to operate golf cars are student employees with supervisor permission.

- Occupancy shall not exceed the passenger limit and load capacity designated by the vehicle manufacturer. Under no circumstances is anyone permitted to ride standing in or on the back of a golf cart. Any and all modifications to a golf cart must be approved and performed by Facilities Management.

- All golf cart operators are required to view in its entirety the RWU Golf Cart Safety Training Video (contact the Department of Health and Safety at ext. 3494 or 3781).

- Operators are required to immediately report any and all accidents to their direct supervisors who will assist in completion of an RWU Accident Report and to the University Department of Environmental Health and Safety.

- Supervisors shall ensure that every employee within their department who is authorized to operate golf carts is appropriately advised of all the requirements of the University Policy and these procedures. Supervisors shall obtain a statement signed by each employee who has been authorized to operate golf carts, attesting to their knowledge and understanding of the University Golf Cart Safety Policy and Procedures and attesting that they have viewed the RWU Golf Cart Safety Training Video. Statements will be forwarded to the Department of Environmental Health and Safety for record keeping.