The spring weather is on the way! With the warmer weather comes an increased use of golf carts and other utility vehicles (for example Gators) on campus. While such vehicles provide a convenient means of transportation for staff and work study students on campus, it is important to remember the additional safety concerns that come with driving such vehicles in a busy university setting. Driving safely on a college campus always calls for extra awareness – large groups of pedestrians crossing the street, cars entering and exiting multiple parking lots, and the presence of delivery trucks are just a few of the situations that a driver encounters every day on a college campus.

- Always give driving your full attention: avoid eating, drinking, cellphone use, and other distractions while driving (note: cellphone and headphone use are prohibited in University owned and leased vehicles).
- Follow all campus traffic signage: fully stop at stop signs, yield to pedestrians, and follow posted traffic patterns (one-way, etc.).
- Follow directions from Public Safety Officers or police officers who are directing traffic.
- Do not exceed 10 MPH on a golf cart. Speed should be reduced to compensate for inclines, turns, pedestrians and weather conditions.
- Drive at speeds safe for the conditions – slow down during large campus events such as athletic events and concerts, class change times, poor weather including rain, ice, and snow, and during evening and early morning hours.
- Yield to pedestrians at all times (who in turn must only cross the street in a crosswalk).
- Give pedestrians plenty of time to cross the street safely, especially during poor weather and evening / early morning hours.
- Share the road: be mindful of bikers and skateboarders (who in turn must follow the rules of the road).
- Do not park in or impede access to: crosswalks, fire hydrants, bus stops, or fire lanes.
- Immediately report any accidents or unsafe behaviors to Public Safety (x3333).

The complete Policy and safety video are available here:
http://www.rwu.edu/about/university-offices/ehs/vehicle-safety/golf-cart-policy

Contact Facilities at x3136 to schedule a time when you can drop off your golf cart at the Facilities Building Automotive Shop for a full safety inspection. During the safety inspection, golf carts will be provided (at no charge to the parent department) with the following new safety items: Orange Safety Flag: Nighttime Reflector Tape: Nighttime Vehicle Lighting (if not already installed)

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