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tility carts (e.g., Taylor-Dunns, Cushmans, or Golf Carts) are found everywhere on the USC campus and are used daily to transport people and materials. Operating these carts may seem like child's play, but using or operating one in an unsafe manner can result in a serious injury or even death. Therefore, special care must be taken to ensure the safety of all passengers, pedestrians, vehicles and property, as well as cargo.

OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Have a valid driver's license for at least 2 years.
- Supervisor or department authorization.
- Complete Defensive Driver Training.
- Complete USC Cart Safety Training.
- Familiarity with utility cart owner's manual.

NOTE: T8CCR §3668 requires all utility cart operators be trained and certified. Cart operator certification can be obtained by completing the USC Cart Safety Training. Contact EHS@usc.edu for more information.

GOLF/UTILITY CART DEFINITION (CVC §345)

- Has no less than 3 wheels.
- Has a maximum speed of 15 mph.
- May not operate on a road with a speed limit of 25 mph.
- May only be operated on streets within the campus proper.
- Driver license required by USC.
- CA DMV Registration not required.



SAFE OPERATION

Before operating a utility cart:

- Complete a pre-operational safety check.
- Ensure all persons wear seatbelts, if available.
- Limit and secure all cargo.

While operating a utility cart:

- Observe all traffic rules.
- Yield to pedestrians. They have the right-of-way.
- Drive at a speed respectful of conditions.
- Keep all body parts inside the vehicle.
- **Never** operate on public roadways.
- **Never** allow passengers to sit or stand in the cargo area.
- **Never** use a mobile phone, headset, or headphones.
- **Never** block fire lanes or ADA access.
- **Never** leave the key unattended.
- **Never** modify any safety feature.
- **Never** overload the vehicle.

THINK SAFETY

REFERENCES

[Cal/OSHA 3668 – Powered Industrial Truck Operator Training](#)
[USC Policy - Vehicle Driver Requirements](#)

