

Rules for Safe Operation of Powered Carts

The following rules apply to both electric and gasoline powered carts:

1. Only trained and authorized employees shall be permitted to operate powered carts.
2. Drivers must have a current driver's license and have completed the CSUCI Defensive Driver training course, as well as a Powered Cart Safety course, within the past four years.
3. Cart users may not "lend" a cart to any non-authorized person. A cart user is responsible for ensuring the security of the cart to prevent this type of use.
4. Carts are not toys- "joy riding" is specifically prohibited.
5. In carts equipped with seatbelts, seatbelts must be worn by all vehicle occupants at all times. All passengers must be in a seat while the cart is moving- no exceptions.
6. Cart operators and passengers shall keep arms and legs inside the cart at all times and shall not jump on or off moving vehicles.
7. Powered carts shall be driven on campus streets whenever possible. If a sidewalk must be used, the vehicle speed should not exceed that of pedestrian traffic. Powered carts shall not be driven on lawns, with the exception of facilities personnel.
8. Carts shall not be driven off campus unless they are appropriately equipped (i.e. "street legal") for registration with the California Department of Motor Vehicles.
9. Carts shall not exceed 15 mph on all campus roadways.
10. Cart operators shall be familiar with, and observe all established traffic laws. Citations will be issued for violations of traffic laws.
11. Materials and equipment shall be properly secured so that they will not shift or fall off of moving carts.
12. Carts shall not be operated at night without properly working headlights and taillights.
13. Carts are particularly subject to tipping- be extremely cautious while making turns and while driving on uneven surfaces.
14. Parking is prohibited near building entrances and exits.
15. Cell phone use is prohibited while operating any moving powered cart. Carts shall be parked in a safe location while operating any cell phone or other communication device, such as a walkie-talkie.