

Electric carts, also known as Powered Utility Carts, Taylor-Dunns, Cushmans, or Golf Carts may seem harmless, but using or operating one in an unsafe manner can result in a serious injury or even death. Special care must be taken to ensure the safety of not only the driver and any passengers, but pedestrians, bystanders, other vehicles, property, and cargo as well.

All electric cart drivers (employees, contractors, vendors, etc.) must follow university policy with regard to the safe operation of electric carts/vehicles and observe all established traffic laws on and off campus.

Registration

- All departments must register rented or purchased electric carts/vehicles with Trojan Transportation.
- Non-university carts/vehicles must be registered and approved by a sponsoring university department and Trojan Transportation.



Operation

While operating an electric cart/vehicle, it is important to:

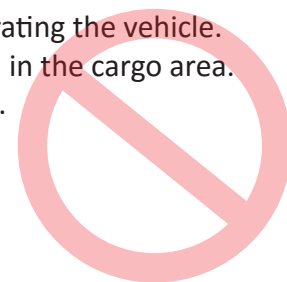
- Go slow over uneven pavement.
- Ensure that passengers are seated.
- Observe all traffic rules.
- Yield to pedestrians. They have the right-of-way.
- Signal your intent.
- Secure all cargo.
- Drive at a maximum speed limit of 5 mph while on campus.

What I Need to Know...

- Have a valid driver's license (for low speed vehicles).
- Be trained on the safe use and operation of the cart.
- Perform pre-operation safety checks. Notify supervisor/manager of unsafe conditions.
- Yield to all pedestrians. They have the right-of-way.
- **DO NOT** exceed 5 mph on campus.
- **DO NOT** operate the cart on city streets.

DO NOT:

- Use a cellular phone while operating the vehicle.
- Allow passengers to sit or stand in the cargo area.
- Wear a headset or headphones.
- Block fire lanes or ADA access.
- Leave the key unattended.
- Modify any safety feature.
- Overload the vehicle



References

Cushman Products Safety Information
<http://www.cushman.com/Service-Support/Safety-Information>

USC Policy - Vehicle/Driver Safety – Electric Vehicle
<https://policy.usc.edu/electric-vehicledriver-policy/>

California Department of Motor Vehicles
Information on electric vehicles
http://bit.do/dmv_electric_veh_info