

# PLAYING IT **SAFE**

Be safe and healthy on the job at with these helpful tips provided by Bankers Insurance, LLC.

## Golf Cart Safety

*Helpful tips for reducing your risk of injury at work*

One of the perks of your job is cruising around in a golf cart through the course and the grounds.

Although its simple operation may make the golf cart seem like a toy, in reality it is a machine capable of injuring you and others if not operated properly. Golf carts lack the standard safety features that are found in other vehicles, and if you drive recklessly, you or a passenger could fall out and suffer a severe head or neck injury.

### Safety Recommendations

In an effort to stay safe on the job while you operate and care for a golf cart, consider the following recommendations.

- Maintain the same diligent safety efforts that you do when driving your own car.
- Keep your speed between 5 and 15 mph. Your speed must change to accommodate the weather, terrain, foot traffic and other golf cart traffic around you.
- Do not carry more passengers than the capacity of the cart. Excess weight increases your chance of injury and can cause undue stress on the tires and engine.
- Stay on paths when riding near golfers. Remember that

pedestrians have the right-of-way.

- When the cart is not in use, place it in neutral and remove the key.
- Always look behind you before backing up.
- Do not shift gears when the cart is in motion.
- In the case of threatening weather (thunder or lightning), return to the golf cart storage area and turn it off. Alert members that the course will close until the threat of inclement weather passes.

### Keep it Serious

Using a golf cart may be one of your first experiences with a vehicle. If it is, please take it very seriously. Though it is small, the dangers of a golf cart are real, and horsing around can mean serious injuries and could cost you your job.



### Recharging the Battery

Use only an approved battery charger with an automatic shutoff, do not recharge near an open flame or source of ignition and do not smoke near the recharging station. If battery acid spills, pour baking soda on the spill and wash skin with cold water. Disconnect charger cords before using the cart again.

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