

Golf carts and Low Speed Vehicles (LSV) must follow the same traffic laws as cars, including regulatory signs and the use of directional or hand signals when making turns. The operator of these vehicles can be issued a traffic citation just like you would when operating your automobile; these citations carry fines and points on your license.

Vehicle Definitions & Requirements:

A golf cart is defined as a motor vehicle that is designed for operation on a golf course or for sporting or recreation and is not capable of exceeding 20 mph. **While the operator of a golf cart does not have to be a licensed driver if age 18 or over with a valid ID, those under the age of 18 must possess a valid driver's license or learner's permit (and abide by the same learner's requirements).**

A LSV may not travel in excess of 25 mph. LSV May operate on streets where the posted limit is 35 mph or less. LSV can also cross roads that have a speed limit greater than 35 mph. The operator of an LSV must be a licensed driver. **LSV must have a registered license plate and be insured.** The LSV must be equipped with at least the following safety equipment: seatbelts, windshield, mirrors, horn, headlights, tail lights, stop lamps, side reflectors, a parking brake, turn signals and a VIN number.

Sumter County Sheriff's Office



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Golf Cart and Low Speed Vehicle Safety Guidelines In and Around The Villages...



Sumter County Sheriff's Office

Undersheriff Pat Breeden

and

Villages District Supervisor

Capt. Robert Siemer

Do you need a Driver's License?

	Golf Cart	LSV
>14 years old	Not Allowed	Not Allowed
15 years old	Learners Permit with licensed driver	Learners permit with licensed driver
16-17 years old	License Required	License Required
18+ years old	Not Required	License Required

The Rules of the Road:

Golf carts may not cross over or drive on Highway 27/441, CR 466, CR 466A or any other road with a posted speed limit of 35 mph or higher. LSV can be operated on a road whose speed limit is 35 mph or less.

Golf carts must use the transportation multi-modal trails adjacent to El Camino Real, Buena Vista Boulevard, Morse Boulevard and CR 466 & CR 466A. These roadways can only be crossed in a golf cart by using the marked tunnels.

Unauthorized crossing location include but are not limited to; any point along US-441, State Road 44, and crossing from Pinellas to Penrose place.

The only exceptions are the golf carts can cross El Camino Real at the traffic light between Enrique Drive and Botello Avenue. In addition, while golf carts are not permitted to travel on Rainey Trail (CR 472)

they are permitted to cross between Lynnhaven and Miona Shores Drive. LSV are permitted to travel on Rainey Trail since the speed limit is 35 mph.

On Streets within The Villages, with a posted speed limit of 30 mph of less, golf carts should be driven in the marked diamond lanes or along the right-hand edge of the street if there is no marked lane.

Do not allow anyone to ride standing on the back platform of the vehicle. **Please keep your arms and legs inside the vehicle at all times.** If needing to make a left turn while traveling along a roadway with an adjoined cart part (with vehicle traffic), signal and merge into the vehicle lane before your left hand turn, **do not turn from the cart lane.**

When making a left turn, after signaling your intention, carefully merge with vehicular traffic just prior to the intersection. Anywhere signage or road marking provide such direction golf cart traffic should also merge with vehicular traffic. **Golf carts should yield to other vehicular traffic in all cases.**

Golf carts & LSV are not permitted to travel on sidewalks or along County or State road right of way. Golf carts are only authorized on roadways designated by local government as "golf cart accessible". Multi modal path ways are private property and used at the discretion of The Villages.

These guidelines are provided to help you enjoy using a golf cart and help keep you and your loved ones safe. Please remember that your golf cart was not designed to share a roadway with larger vehicles such as cars or trucks. In the event of a collision you have about as much protection as if you were riding a motorcycle. Seatbelts are not mandated but highly recommended for golf carts but help limit serious injuries sustained when a golf cart driver or passenger is ejected resulting in significant trauma.

For more information you should contact the Sumter County Sheriff's Office or check out the following websites for more information.

- **Safety Tips-**
www.safemobilityfl.com
- **Villages District**
GovernmentDistrictGov.org

