RADFORD UNIVERSITY

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY

GOLF CART SAFETY

OPERATION

- 1. Read over the "warnings" or "safety guidelines" stickers or text that most golf carts come with and observe those rules! They serve as good reminders as you use your cart day to day.
- 2. The number of users on a golf cart should never exceed the number of seats.
- 3. If golf carts have seat belts then seat belts should be used!
- 4. All passengers should keep their hands, arms, and legs within the confines of the golf cart.
- 5. Always observe any applicable traffic laws.
- 6. Maintain a safe distance between your golf cart and other vehicles or golf carts.
- 7. Slow down and honk the horn (if available) at intersections. Try and make eye contact with pedestrians.
- 8. Reduce speed when near pedestrians, and remember that they have the right-ofway.
- 9. The maximum speed depends on the terrain, weather conditions and total weight of the cart, its passenger and any equipment being carried. Operate a golf cart at a speed equivalent to a quick walking pace. Take extra care on hills, wet turf, loose surfaces or rough terrain.
- 10. Avoid tipping by driving slowly through turns and driving straight and slowly up and down slopes. DO NOT drive on the diagonal on a slope.
- 11. Reduce speed when turning corners or passing through openings.
- 12. After dark, use only carts with headlights, tail lights, turn signals and windshields.
- 13. Tow only using golf carts that are designed for towing. Just because a cart can pull something doesn't mean it can stop it.
- 14. Do not park carts in the way of emergency equipment, aisles, doorways, or traffic flow.
- 15. When the golf cart is not in use, always park it in a safe area and apply the parking brake.
- 16. Do not leave the keys in the ignition of the golf cart when unattended.

MAINTENANCE

Inspect each golf cart daily prior to use. Check for:

- **1.** Tire condition and inflation.
- 2. Steering.
- 3. Forward and reverse gears.
- 4. Brake condition.
- 5. Turn signals, horns, and mirror positioning.
- 6. Lights.

