



# Golf Safety

Summer is coming and we want you to be safe in everything that you do. Whether it's your first time on the course or thousandth, take a minute to review these tips and...

**... get out there and start swinging!**

## Golf Etiquette - Safety First!

The first rule for golf and golf etiquette is safety!

- Ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club.
- You should not play until the players in front are out of range.
- Always alert greenstaff nearby or ahead when you are about to make a stroke that might endanger them.
- If you play a ball in a direction where there is a danger of hitting someone, immediately shout a warning such as "fore!"
- Walk. Don't ever run. It can be annoying, distracting, and cause damage to the course.
- Be sure there is proper room for you to play through before asking permission.
- Drive your cart at moderate speed and be courteous of other drivers around you.

## Lightning Safety

Each year, as many as 300 people are killed by lightning. More people are killed or injured by lightning than by tornadoes, floods, or hurricanes.

Golf courses are open areas with scattered trees which makes them *dangerous* places to be in a thunderstorm. Lightning is looking for the fastest route between cloud and ground, so be sure it doesn't find you!

- Seek shelter at the first sign of a thunderstorm.
- If possible, get off the course or go to a designated lightning shelter.
- Do not stand under a lone tree. This is where most people are injured or killed.
- Stay away from water.
- Stay away from your golf clubs.
- If your shoes have metal spikes, take them off.
- Move away from your golf cart.
- If you're stranded, get low by finding a ditch, ravine, or valley.

## Golf Cart Safety

Golf carts can be fun! They get you where you need to go, and it is easy to forget that these tiny vehicles should be operated with the same care that you would operate your vehicle with.

Be sure to follow these guidelines and stay safe on the course.

- **NEVER** drink alcohol while operating the golf cart.
- Only licensed operators should drive the cart.
- Pedestrians always have the right of way.
- Follow capacity rules (2 people per cart).
- Follow cart signs closely.
- Keep all equipment, as well as hands and feet, inside the cart at all times.
- Always remain seated and hold onto the safety handles.
- Drive straight up and down slopes, avoid driving sideways as the cart could tip.
- Always maintain a safe distance between carts while on the path.
- When stopped, turn off the cart and remove the key from the ignition.