

MALIBU/LOST HILLS SHERIFF'S PROVIDE THIS PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION FOR GOLF CARTS USED ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS



DUE TO THE RECENT INCREASE IN REPORTED AND UNREPORTED GOLF CART COLLISIONS IN THE POINT DUME AREA, THE MALIBU/LOST HILLS SHERIFF'S STATION WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Golf carts are NOT street legal...EXCEPT: if you operate your golf cart on a highway designated for such use by ordinance or resolution within one mile of a golf course.
- Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV) or Low-Speed Vehicle (LSV) can only be operated by licensed drivers and must be insured and registered with the DMV. Failure to follow registration requirements will result in the impoundment of your vehicle until proof of ownership and adequate registration is obtained from the DMV.
- If you are found driving a Low-Speed Vehicle on the roadway without a valid driver's license, the vehicle will be impounded for 30 days per California Vehicle Code 14602.6 CVC.
- Any parent allowing their child to drive any vehicle, including a Low-Speed vehicle or golf cart, can be cited per California Vehicle Code 14604(a) CVC – Knowingly Allowing Unlicensed Driver to Drive Vehicle. This offense is a misdemeanor and could result in criminal prosecution. If the unlicensed child is involved in any type of accident, with or without injuries, this could further result in civil and/or criminal liabilities.
- A Low-Speed Vehicle MUST BE CERTIFIED to meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) to be registered and legally operated on public streets, roads, or highways with a speed limit not exceeding 35 mph. The federal regulations specify requirements for low speed vehicles. A low speed vehicle is a 4-wheeled motor vehicle, whose speed is not more than 25 mph. The standard requires ten specific items of safety equipment; (1) Headlamps, (2) Front and rear turn signal lamps, (3) Tail lamps, (4) Stop lamps, (5) Front/Rear/Side reflectors, (6) Drivers side mirror and either interior or passenger side mirror, (7) Parking brake, (8) Glazed windshield, (9) 17-digit conforming VIN number, (10) Seat-belt assemblies installed at each designated seating position.
- MODIFIED GOLF CARTS: A golf cart CANNOT be converted for registration as an (NEV) or (LSV). Any golf cart that is modified to go faster than 15 mph or seat more than two persons, it is considered a regular motor vehicle and must comply with federal standards for passenger vehicles.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ALL NECESSARY OPERATORS LICENSING LAWS AND REGULATIONS MAY RESULT IN A CITATION AND IMPOUNDMENT OF THE VEHICLE

ANY UNLICENSED JUVENILE FOUND OPERATING A LOW-SPEED VEHICLE OR GOLF CART COULD BE SUBJECT TO A 12500 CVC UNLICENSED DRIVER CITATION. THIS COULD RESULT IN THE DMV POSTPONING THE JUVENILES LICENSING UNTIL THE AGE OF 18.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's Station at (818) 878-1808