



MEDINA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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GOLF CART - UNDERSPEED LAWS

The following is the wording in the Ohio Revised Code for each of the laws that are required to operate and license a golf cart in the State of Ohio.

1. 4510.12 Operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

(A)(1) No person, except those expressly exempted under sections [4507.03](#), [4507.04](#), and [4507.05](#) of the Revised Code, shall operate any motor vehicle upon a public road or highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking in this state unless the person has a valid driver's license issued under Chapter 4507. of the Revised Code or a commercial driver's license issued under Chapter 4506. of the Revised Code.

2. 4509.101 Operating of motor vehicle without proof of financial responsibility.

(A)(1) No person shall operate, or permit the operation of, a motor vehicle in this state, unless proof of financial responsibility is maintained continuously throughout the registration period with respect to that vehicle, or, in the case of a driver who is not the owner, with respect to that driver's operation of that vehicle.

3. 4513.05 Tail lights and illumination of rear license plate.

(A) Every motor vehicle, trackless trolley, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or vehicle which is being drawn at the end of a train of vehicles shall be equipped with at least one tail light mounted on the rear which, when lighted, shall emit a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear, provided that in the case of a train of vehicles only the tail light on the rearmost vehicle need be visible from the distance specified.

Either a tail light or a separate light shall be so constructed and placed as to illuminate with a white light the rear registration plate, when such registration plate is required, and render it legible from a distance of fifty feet to the rear. Any tail light, together with any separate light for illuminating the rear registration plate, shall be so wired as to be lighted whenever the headlights or auxiliary driving lights are lighted, except where separate lighting systems are provided for trailers for the purpose of illuminating such registration plate.

4. 4513.071 Stop light.

(A) Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer when operated upon a highway shall be equipped with two or more stop lights, except that passenger cars manufactured or assembled prior to January 1, 1967, motorcycles, and motor-driven cycles shall be equipped with at least one stop light. Stop lights shall be mounted on the rear of the vehicle, actuated upon application of the service brake, and may be incorporated with other rear lights. Such stop lights when actuated shall emit a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear, provided that in the case of a train of vehicles only the stop lights on the rear-most vehicle need be visible from the distance specified.

5. 4513.04 Headlights.

(A) Every motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, and every trackless trolley shall be equipped with at least two headlights with at least one near each side of the front of the motor vehicle or trackless trolley

6. 4513.21 Horns, sirens, and warning devices.

(A) Every motor vehicle or trackless trolley when operated upon a highway shall be equipped with a horn which is in good working order and capable of emitting sound audible, under normal conditions, from a distance of not less than two hundred feet.

No motor vehicle or trackless trolley shall be equipped with, nor shall any person use upon a vehicle, any siren, whistle, or bell. Any vehicle may be equipped with a theft alarm signal device which shall be so arranged that it cannot be used as an ordinary warning signal.

7. 4513.23 Rear view mirror.

(A) Every motor vehicle, motorcycle, and trackless trolley shall be equipped with a mirror so located as to reflect to the operator a view of the highway to the rear of such vehicle, motorcycle, or trackless trolley. Operators of vehicles, motorcycles, streetcars, and trackless trolleys shall have a clear and unobstructed view to the front and to both sides of their vehicles, motorcycles, streetcars, or trackless trolleys and shall have a clear view to the rear of their vehicles, motorcycles, streetcars, or trackless trolleys by mirror.

8. 4513.24 Windshield and windshield wipers.

(A) No person shall drive any motor vehicle on a street or highway in this state, other than a motorcycle or motorized bicycle, that is not equipped with a windshield.

(C) The windshield on every motor vehicle, streetcar, and trackless trolley shall be equipped with a device for cleaning rain, snow, or other moisture from the windshield. The device shall be maintained in good working order and so constructed as to be controlled or operated by the operator of the vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley.

9. 4513.261 Vehicles to be equipped with electrical or mechanical directional signals.

(A)(1) No person shall operate any motor vehicle manufactured or assembled on or after January 1, 1954, unless the vehicle is equipped with electrical or mechanical directional signals.

(2) No person shall operate any motorcycle or motor-driven cycle manufactured or assembled on or after January 1, 1968, unless the vehicle is equipped with electrical or mechanical directional signals.

(B) "Directional signals" means an electrical or mechanical signal device capable of clearly indicating an intention to turn either to the right or to the left and which shall be visible from both the front and rear.

(C) All mechanical signal devices shall be self-illuminating devices when in use at the times mentioned in section [4513.03](#) of the Revised Code.

10. 4503.21 Display of license plates and validation stickers or temporary license placard or windshield sticker.

(A)(1) No person who is the owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall fail to display in plain view on the rear of the motor vehicle a license plate that displays the distinctive number and registration mark assigned to the motor vehicle by the director of public safety, including any county identification sticker and any validation sticker issued under sections [4503.19](#) and [4503.191](#) of the Revised Code, except that a commercial tractor shall display the license plate and validation sticker on the front of the commercial tractor.

(2) The license plate shall be securely fastened so as not to swing, and shall not be covered by any material that obstructs its visibility.

(3) No person to whom a temporary license placard or windshield sticker has been issued for the use of a motor vehicle under section [4503.182](#) of the Revised Code, and no operator of that motor vehicle, shall fail to display the temporary license placard in plain view from the rear of the vehicle either in the rear window or on an external rear surface of the motor vehicle, or fail to display the windshield sticker in plain view on the rear window of the motor vehicle. No temporary license placard or windshield sticker shall be covered by any material that obstructs its visibility.

11. 4513.263 Occupant restraining devices.

(B) No person shall do any of the following:

(1) Operate an automobile on any street or highway unless that person is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device, or operate a school bus that has an occupant restraining device installed for use in its operator's seat unless that person is wearing all of the available elements of the device, as properly adjusted;

(2) Operate an automobile on any street or highway unless each passenger in the automobile who is subject to the requirement set forth in division (B)(3) of this section is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device;

(3) Occupy, as a passenger, a seating position on the front seat of an automobile being operated on any street or highway unless that person is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device;

12. 4513.262 Seat safety belt or anchorage units required.

(A) As used in this section and in section [4513.263](#) of the Revised Code, the component parts of a "seat safety belt" include a belt, anchor attachment assembly, and a buckle or closing device.

(B) No person shall sell, lease, rent, or operate any passenger car, as defined in division (E) of section [4501.01](#) of the Revised Code, that is registered or to be registered in this state and that is manufactured or assembled on or after January 1, 1962, unless the passenger car is equipped with sufficient anchorage units at the attachment points for attaching at least two sets of seat safety belts to its front seat. Such anchorage units at the attachment points shall be of such construction, design, and strength to support a loop load pull of not less than four thousand pounds for each belt.

13. 4511.81 Child restraint system - child highway safety fund.

(A) When any child who is in either or both of the following categories is being transported in a motor vehicle, other than a taxicab or public safety vehicle as defined in section [4511.01](#) of the Revised Code, that is required by the United States department of transportation to be equipped with seat belts at the time of manufacture or assembly, the operator of the motor vehicle shall have the child properly secured in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions in a child restraint system that meets federal motor vehicle safety standards:

- (1) A child who is less than four years of age;
- (2) A child who weighs less than forty pounds.

(B) When any child who is in either or both of the following categories is being transported in a motor vehicle, other than a taxicab, that is owned, leased, or otherwise under the control of a nursery school or day-care center, the operator of the motor vehicle shall have the child properly secured in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions in a child restraint system that meets federal motor vehicle safety standards:

- (1) A child who is less than four years of age;
- (2) A child who weighs less than forty pounds.

(C) When any child who is less than eight years of age and less than four feet nine inches in height, who is not required by division (A) or (B) of this section to be secured in a child restraint system, is being transported in a motor vehicle, other than a taxicab or public safety vehicle as defined in section [4511.01](#) of the Revised Code or a vehicle that is regulated under section [5104.015](#) of the Revised Code, that is required by the United States department of transportation to be equipped with seat belts at the time of manufacture or assembly, the operator of the motor vehicle shall have the child properly secured in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions on a booster seat that meets federal motor vehicle safety standards.

(D) When any child who is at least eight years of age but not older than fifteen years of age, and who is not otherwise required by division (A), (B), or (C) of this section to be secured in a child restraint system or booster seat, is being transported in a motor vehicle, other than a taxicab or public safety vehicle as defined in section [4511.01](#) of the Revised Code, that is required by the United States department of transportation to be equipped with seat belts at the time of manufacture or assembly, the operator of the motor vehicle shall have the child properly restrained either in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions in a child restraint system that meets federal motor vehicle safety standards or in an occupant restraining device as defined in section [4513.263](#) of the Revised Code.

These Laws are for the safety of all operators and passengers of the golf cart. Operators who transport children on the golf cart and do not secure them in a proper restraint system required by the State of Ohio could also face child endangering charges.

2919.22 Endangering children.

(A) No person, who is the parent, guardian, custodian, person having custody or control, or person in loco parentis of a child under eighteen years of age or a mentally or physically handicapped child under twenty-one years of age, shall create a substantial risk to the health or safety of the child, by violating a duty of care, protection, or support. It is not a violation of a duty of care, protection, or support under this division when the parent, guardian, custodian, or person having custody or control of a child treats the physical or mental illness or defect of the child by spiritual means through prayer alone, in accordance with the tenets of a recognized religious body.

Golf Cart Operations - The operation of golf carts are restricted to specific housing developments, villages, cities, and townships in the State of Ohio. Please check with the local authorities to determine if the operation of golf carts are legal on streets where you wish to operate it. If permitted, golf carts must be operated on streets that have a speed limit of 25mph or less. Golf carts are not permitted on sidewalks and the operator and all occupants must obey all traffic laws of the State of Ohio.



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Golf Cart Underspeed Vehicle Inspection Sheet

Name:		Phone:		Date:	
Address:		PO Box:	State:	Zip Code:	
Golf Cart Make:	Year:	Model:	VIN / Serial #:		

YES or NO	Requires a valid drivers license for ANY operation of MOTOR VEHICLE on public or private property.	Ohio Revised Code 4510.12 (A)(1)
YES or NO	Must show proof of insurance on said Golf Cart .	Ohio Revised Code 4509.101 (A)(1)
YES or NO	Must be equipped with rear tail lights. (Only one is required)	Ohio Revised Code 4513.05
YES or NO	Must have light to illuminate license plate & make license plate legible from a distance of 50 feet.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.05
YES or NO	Must have at least one working brake light.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.071
YES or NO	Must have two headlights.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.04
YES or NO	Must have a horn.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.21
YES or NO	Must have a rear view mirror.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.23
YES or NO	Must have a windshield (glass or safety glass) and windshield wiper.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.24
YES or NO	Must have directional signals on front and back.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.261
YES or NO	Must have two license plates.	Ohio Revised Code 4503.21
YES or NO	Must have proper restraints for all passengers, <u>this includes children.</u> (Just like an automobile)	Ohio Revised Code 4513.263 / 4511.81

Officer:	Signature of Applicant:
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You must now take this Inspection sheet to local title office to get it titled, after getting your title go to the license bureau and get the license plates. Make sure that you have both license plates on the golf cart.

Please remember that a golf cart when in use on the roadway is to follow the same traffic laws as a motor vehicle. The golf cart can be impounded by police if the driver does not have a valid driver's license or for any other law that would constitute as a reason to tow it. The owner of the golf cart is liable for the tow bill.

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