

Darke County Sheriff's Office

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DARKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE UNDER SPEED VEHICLE CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION

Name			Phone	Date	
Address			City	State	Zip
Year	Make	Model	Color	VIN	

Yes	No	Requires a valid driver's license for ANY operation of a MOTOR VEHICLE on public or private property.	Ohio Revised Code 4507.02 (A) (1)
Yes	No	Must show proof of insurance listing State Minimum Requirements for Liability Insurance for said Golf Cart/USV.	Ohio Revised Code 4509.101 (A) (1)
Yes	No	Must be equipped with a minimum of one tail light visible from a distance of 500 feet.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.05
Yes	No	Must be equipped with two rear facing red reflectors. (These may be incorporated into other rear lights.)	Ohio Revised Code 4513.06
Yes	No	Must have a white light to illuminate the rear license plate visible from a distance of 50 feet.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.05
Yes	No	Must be equipped with two brake lights, visible from a distance of 500 feet. (These may be incorporated with other rear facing lights.)	Ohio Revised Code 4513.071
Yes	No	Must have two working headlights capable of illuminating persons or objects at a distance of 75 feet.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.16
Yes	No	Must have a working horn that is audible from not less than 200 feet.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.21
Yes	No	Must have a rear view mirror.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.23
Yes	No	Must have a windshield of glass or safety glass.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.24
Yes	No	Must have working directional (turn) signals.	Ohio Revised Code 4513.261
Yes	No	Must have brackets for mounting one license plate. (rear)	Ohio Revised Code 4503.21
Yes	No	Must have seat belts for each occupant on the cart	Ohio Revised Code 4513.263
Yes	No	Must have adequate brakes and braking system	Ohio Admin Code 4501-30-02
Yes	No	Appropriate tires free of major bumps, bulges, breaks, or any condition that cause unsafe conditions	Ohio Admin Code 4501-30-02
Yes	No	Must have properly working steering mechanism	Ohio Admin Code 4501-30-02

Deputy's Signature

Applicant's Signature

DARKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
POLICY AND PROCEDURE ON THE INSPECTION OF UNDER SPEED VEHICLES/GOLF CARTS

PURPOSE:

To develop and establish a policy and procedure for the safety inspection of under speed vehicles/golf carts.

DEFINITION:

According to the Ohio Revised Code an under speed vehicle (USV) means a three or four-wheeled vehicle, including a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart, with an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than twenty miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating less than three thousand pounds. Most golf carts are USV's.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE :

1. The Sheriff or Chief of Police in a jurisdiction where an under speed vehicle (USV) is being used is responsible for the inspection of the USV prior to the USV being licensed.
2. Inspection will only be done for Darke County residents.
3. The Sheriff or designee will inspect and provide the applicant with a certificate of inspection.
4. To gain a certificate of inspection the USV must meet and comply with all vehicle equipment listed in ORC 4513.
5. After the inspection, the original certificate will be kept on file at the Sheriff's Office. There will also be a computer database of USV's inspected.
6. Note: If the USV is only used on private property, the operational equipment and registration requirements would generally not apply.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

1. In order for a person to license a USV, they must first have the vehicle inspected by the Sheriff or his designee.
2. Inspections will be conducted by appointment.
3. The person must have proof of insurance on the USV.
4. Inspections may take place at the Sheriff's Office or at other locations within the county.
5. Upon completion of inspection, the persons will be given a copy of their USV inspection certificate.
6. The person must then take their copy to the Clerk of Courts Title Office in Darke County. The person will then be issued a title for their USV.
7. The person will then be able to take their title to the deputy registrar of the BMV and file for license plates for the USV.
8. All USV's must be used in accordance with ORC Chapter 4511.

CHECKLIST FOR INSPECTION:

The following items are included on the USV inspection sheet.

1. Persons registering must have a valid driver's license.
2. Must show proof of insurance listing state minimum requirements for liability on golf carts.
3. Minimum one tail light visible from 500 feet.
4. Must have two rear red reflectors.
5. Must have a license plate light visible from 50 feet.
6. Must have two brake lights visible from 500 feet.
7. Must have two working headlights capable of illumination objects at a distance of at least 75 feet.
8. Must have a working horn audible from not less than 200 feet.
9. Must have a rearview mirror.
10. Must have a windshield of glass or safety glass.
11. Must have working turn signals.
12. Must have brackets for rear license plate
13. Must have seat belts for each occupant on the cart
14. Must have adequate brakes and braking system
15. Appropriate tires free of major bumps, bulges, breaks, or any condition that cause unsafe conditions
16. Must have properly working steering mechanism