

ALTERNATIVE VEHICLE SAFETY

What is an Alternative Vehicle?

Motor vehicles not meeting the definition of a sedan, truck, pickup, or van, and their primary function is transportation.

Examples widely used on campus include: All-terrain vehicles (Gators, Kubotas), Utility Carts, Golf Carts, and Segways.



Things to Know Before Using an Alternative Vehicle on Campus:

Alternative Vehicles must be registered with a permit from UTK Parking and Transit Service. The permit must be affixed to the vehicle.

Anyone who drives an Alternative Vehicle on campus must:

- Be at least 18 years old,
- Possess a valid driver's license,
- Adhere to TN Motor vehicle laws,
- Successfully complete Alternative Vehicle Training. This training is offered by EHS either via classroom or on Blackboard. Please contact EHS at 974-5084 or James Cantu the Training Coordinator (jcantu@utk.edu) for more information. The supervisor must keep documentation that the training has been completed.
- Review the UTK Alternative Vehicle Safety Policy, which is posted on the EHS website: ehs.utk.edu.

Did You Know?

ATVs have unique features that enable them to operate in harsh work environments where larger, less mobile vehicles cannot safely be used. Their oversized, deep tread, and low-pressure tires (4-5 psi) and light weight (600-1000 pounds) - compared to other motorized vehicles - enhance their maneuverability but also present risks such as a rollover which may occur due to a high center of gravity and a relatively narrow wheelbase.

TOPICS SUPERVISORS AND EMPLOYERS NEED TO REVIEW PRIOR TO USE:

- Operation
- Speed Limits
- Intersections and Crosswalks
- Pedestrians
- Parking
- Cargo
- Re-fuel and Battery Charging
- General Safety Guidelines