

What Every Driver Must Know

Resources

A resource guide is located in the back of this booklet. It lists resources such as websites, printed materials and a customer service number for more information about the topics in "What Every Driver Must Know."

2019 Michigan crash facts

Before you read further, consider these facts about driving in Michigan from the Michigan State Police Traffic Crash Facts.

- 314,376 traffic crashes were reported, of which 902 of those were fatal crashes and 53,380 resulted in personal injuries.
- Crashes in which the driver had been drinking alcohol numbered 9,610, and 1,179 of these drivers also were suspected of using drugs.
- A total of 2,798 crashes resulted from a driver, pedestrian or bicyclist using a cell phone.
- The number of crashes in which the driver was using a cell phone has steadily increased over the past six years, with 749 crashes reported in 2014 and 2,778 crashes in 2019.
- There were 1,429 people injured and 12 people killed as a result of a vehicle-deer crash. Eight of the fatalities were motorcyclists.
- Licensed drivers ages 16-20 represented 7 percent of Michigan's driving population. This young driver age group accounted for 10.1 percent (54,177) of drivers in all crashes and 8.6 percent (124) of drivers in fatal crashes.
- According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, motor vehicle crashes remain the No. 1 cause of unintentional fatal injuries for children ages 1-14.

