

Michigan State Police

Crash Advisory # 29



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Hazardous action codes

There seems to be some confusion with hazardous action codes “Failed to Yield” and “Disregard Traffic Control”. When using “Failed to Yield” it generally means yielding to another vehicle or person. Disregard traffic control is usually associated with disregarding an actual sign or signal.

Failed to Yield (03) Examples:

- A car is stopped at an intersection then proceeds to either turn or move forward without yielding to another vehicle already on the road.
- A vehicle turning right fails to yield to a pedestrian who has the right of way and is crossing at the intersection.
- Failing to yield to another vehicle while entering an intersection that has a yield sign.

Disregard Traffic Control (04) Examples:

- A vehicle is approaching an intersection with a flashing red signal and continues through the intersection without stopping.
- Upon approach to a signalized RR crossing, a vehicle fails to obey signal and continues forward.
- A vehicle is approaching a stop sign at an intersection and continues through the intersection disregarding the sign.

Motorcycle side car

If a motorcycle has a sidecar you should code that persons position as 12-Other unenclosed passenger area/cargo area.

Passengers on bicycles

When there is more than one person riding on a bicycle, you record each person as a separate bicycle unit. For example - if there were two persons riding on a bicycle that were involved in a crash with a motor vehicle, you would have a three unit crash.

Please Distribute to All Personnel Who Complete or Review Traffic Crash Reports

