

Michigan State Police

Crash Advisory # 24



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Private Property Crashes

There has been much confusion on reporting non-traffic crashes. The following should help clarify what is reportable.

A traffic crash report must be submitted for all crashes occurring on a trafficway. According to the ANSI D-16.1 Manual on Classification of Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents, 7th Edition "A trafficway is any land way open to the public as a matter of right or custom for moving persons or property from one place to another."

Inclusions:

- Land ways within a gated community or guarded entrance when gates are open to the public.
- Roads with unrestricted access in a private retirement community.
- Roads within apartment complexes, trailer parks, private subdivisions and condominium developments.
- Roads providing access to the public from the trafficway to the parking lot of shopping center or mall.

Exclusions:

- A land way under construction is not a trafficway if traffic is prohibited from entering by signing or barriers which are in conformance with applicable standards. However, if any part of the land way is open for traffic, while the remainder is closed, that part which is open for traffic is a trafficway.
- A land way temporarily closed to travel and marked by signing or barriers which are in conformance with applicable standards is not a trafficway even though used by authorized vehicles, such as maintenance vehicles, or when intentionally or inadvertently used by unauthorized vehicles. A land way open to local traffic only is NOT considered closed.
- Roads in a gated community that is only open to residents and their guests.
- Land way not open to the public.
- Parking spaces and parking aisles.

Other definitions can be searched at the American National Standard Institute (ANSI) website. <http://ansi.org>

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

