What Every Driver Must Know

Resources
This newest edition of What Every Driver Must Know has a new look and size. A resource guide is presented in the back of the booklet that provides other sources for information, such as websites, printed materials and a customer service number if you want to know more about the topics in What Every Driver Must Know.

2016 Michigan crash facts
Before you read further, consider these facts about driving in Michigan from the Michigan Traffic Crash Facts.

In 2016:
• 312,172 traffic crashes were reported. Deaths numbered 1,064 and 79,724 people were injured.
• Crashes in which alcohol was involved numbered 9,636, with 251 of those crashes resulting in a fatality.
• A total of 1,912 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 five years, with 745 crashes reported in 2012 and 1,888 crashes in 2016.
• There were 1,240 people injured and 14 people killed as a result of a vehicle-deer crash. Nine of the fatalities were motorcyclists.
• Licensed drivers ages 16-20 represented 6.6 percent of Michigan’s driving population. This young driver age group accounted for 11.1 percent (59,865) of drivers in all crashes and 8.9 percent (139) 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 1-24.