

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**.

2018 Michigan crash facts

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

- 312,798 traffic crashes were reported. Nine hundred and five of those were fatal crashes and 55,340 resulted in personal injuries.
- Crashes in which the driver had been drinking alcohol numbered 9,628, and 1,201 of these drivers also were suspected of using drugs.
- A total of 2,933 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 749 crashes reported in 2014 and 2,909 crashes in 2018.
- There were 1,335 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 7.1 percent of Michigan's driving population. This young driver age group accounted for 10.3 percent (55,053) of drivers in all crashes and 6.6 percent (99) 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.

