

State of Michigan

Traffic Crash Advisory

Driver Distracted By

1. Not Distracted
2. Manually Operating an Electronic Communications Device (Texting, Typing, Dialing)
3. Talking on Hands-Free Electronic Device
4. Talking on Hand-Held Electronic Device
5. Other Activity, Electronic Device (Book Player, Navigation Aid)
6. Passenger
7. Other Activity Inside the Vehicle (Eating, Personal Hygiene)
8. Outside the Vehicle (Includes Unspecified External Distractions)
98. Unknown

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The entire UD-10 Traffic Crash Report is the investigating officer's opinion as to how the officer interprets the events of the traffic crash. There is no burden of proof needed on the part of the investigating officer when completing the UD-10. The Driver Distracted By field is no different, and the officer is not obligated to prove beyond a reasonable doubt or any other standard that one of the choices truly distracted the driver. It is simply the officer making a decision based upon their personal observations while investigating the traffic crash.

A special note on choice #8—Distractions Outside the Vehicle, it is extremely helpful for traffic safety experts for officers to list the specific distraction that was observed in the Narrative/Remarks Section on the UD-10.

Narrative/Remarks

The Narrative is a free text area for the officer to provide a brief description as to the events of the traffic crash, and to provide any additional remarks about the crash that need to be noted. It is extremely important that personal information never be included in the Narrative Section or on the Diagram. The general public has various ways of obtaining traffic crash reports, but only has access to Sanitized UD-10's through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). A sanitized UD-10 does not contain personal information such as Names, Dates of Birth, Drivers License Numbers, Addresses, Phone Numbers, etc., which could potentially be used to steal one's identity.

Another important factor to consider is the length of the narrative. With electronic crash reporting the narrative cannot exceed 2048 characters, and can include letters, numbers, spaces and punctuation. So for those officers that like to write a novel, just know that you may be cut off in the middle of chapter 3!



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Driver is Owner

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This new field was added for the 2016 UD-10 Revision and is used to indicate if the driver of the vehicle is also the registered owner of that vehicle. This is meant to simplify completing the UD-10 by no longer having to repeat this information in the Owner section on the UD-10. Because this is not a required field, be aware that by not selecting this box, the printed UD-10E may populate the word NO under this field.