

State of Michigan

Traffic Crash Advisory

Traffic Crash vs. Non-Traffic Crashes

What's New:

- The UD-10 Traffic Crash Report Instruction Manual has been updated and posted on the MSP website www.michigan.gov/crash (2018 edition).
- The UD-10 Guide (cheat sheet) has been updated and is also posted on the MSP website (2018 Edition).
- The Traffic Crash Reporting Unit (TCRU) will be switching to mandatory electronic UD-10 reporting, starting January 2020.

There seems to be some confusion as to what is considered a Non-Traffic crash as opposed to a crash on the trafficway. Sometimes the point of impact or where the vehicle comes to rest is irrelevant in determining this. The below definitions will determine if the crash is to be considered Traffic or Non-Traffic:

Traffic Crash: A road vehicle crash in which the un-stabilized situation originates on a trafficway or a harmful event occurs on a trafficway.

Un-Stabilized Situation: A set of events not under human control. It originates when control is lost and terminates when control is regained.

Harmful Event: An occurrence of injury or damage.

Trafficway: Any land way open to the public as a matter of right or custom for moving persons or property from one place to another. Generally considered from property line to property line. (See below diagram.)

Traffic Crash Examples:

- Vehicle traveling on the roadway, driver lost control, ran off the road onto private property and struck a building. (Un-stabilized situation occurred on the trafficway.)
- Vehicle slid off the roadway and struck several trees on private property. (Un-stabilized situation occurred on the trafficway.)
- Vehicle turning from the roadway into a private drive and struck a pedestrian crossing the private drive from sidewalk to sidewalk. (Sidewalk is considered part of the Trafficway.)

-Vehicle driving on a private road through an apartment complex, crosses the centerline and hits another vehicle head on. (Private road is a trafficway because it is open to the public.)

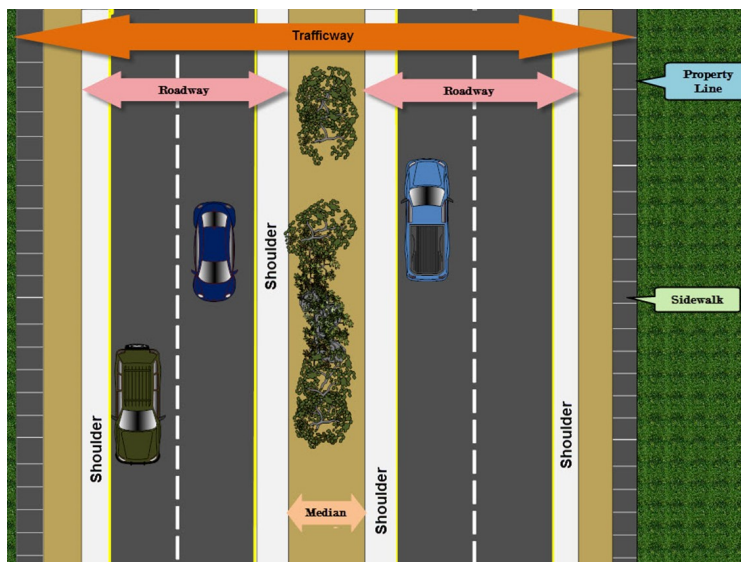
Non-Traffic Crash Examples:

- Vehicle backing out of a parking spot at the grocery store and strikes another vehicle. (Both un-stabilized situation and harmful event occurred on private property.)
- Vehicle stopped in a driveway rolls forward and strikes the garage door. (Both un-stabilized situation and harmful event occurred on private property.)

NOTE: Non-Traffic crashes do not get forwarded to the Secretary of State and do not get posted to driving records.



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UD-10 Reporting

Requirements:

All Traffic Crashes meeting the above qualifications and definitions are required to be reported on the UD-10.

The only Non-Traffic crashes required to be reported on the UD-10 are crashes involving snowmobiles, ORVs, or any motor vehicle crash involving a fatality.