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Did you know?

SPEED

SPEEDING CATCHES UP WITH YOU

MICHIGAN LAW STATES THAT MOTORISTS MUST DRIVE AT A...

- Careful and prudent speed that is reasonable and proper.
- Speed that will permit a stop within the clear distance ahead.
 - *This is also important in snow, rain, and other inclement weather.*

MOTORISTS MUST DRIVE...

- 25 mph in business and residential districts and within public parks.
- 45 mph when workers are present in construction work zones.
- 55 mph on county and gravel highways and on trunk lines.
- 70 mph on limited-access freeways.

Some state highways and freeways have 75 mph limits.

COSTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF SPEEDING

- Death, injuries, and fines
- Points assessed to driving record

WHY ARE PATROLS LOOKING FOR SPEEDING DRIVERS?

- On average, in a five-year period in Michigan...
 - *More than 950 traffic deaths involve speed*
 - *More than 1 million people are cited for speeding*

Did you know?

ALCOHOL



- It is illegal for a driver aged 21 or older to have a blood alcohol level of .08 g/dl or greater.
- There is a zero-tolerance law for people under 21 years old.

COSTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF DRIVING IMPAIRED

- Death, injuries, and fines
- Incarceration
- Community service
- License suspension or revocation
- Vehicle immobilization
- Possible license plate confiscation
- Vehicle registration denial

WHY ARE PATROLS LOOKING FOR IMPAIRED DRIVERS?

- On average, in a five-year period in Michigan...
 - *Nearly 2,200 traffic deaths involve alcohol and/or drugs*
 - *Nearly 150,000 people are arrested for drunk driving*

Did you know?

SEAT BELTS



- Drivers and front-seat passengers must wear seat belts.
- Children younger than 4 years old must ride in a car seat in the rear seat, when a rear seat is available.
- Children older than 4 years old but less than 8 years or shorter than 4 feet 9 inches tall must be properly secured in a child restraint device.
- Passengers 8-15 years old must wear a seat belt in all seating positions.
- A child in a rear-facing car seat may only ride in the front seat if the airbag is turned off.

COSTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF NOT USING RESTRAINTS

- Death, injuries, and fines

WHY ARE PATROLS LOOKING FOR UNRESTRAINED OCCUPANTS?

- On average, in a five-year period in Michigan...
 - *More than 1,000 traffic deaths are unrestrained*
 - *More than 150,000 people are cited for violating the seat belt law*