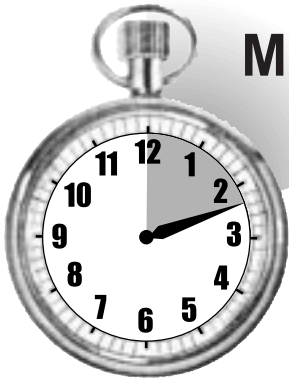


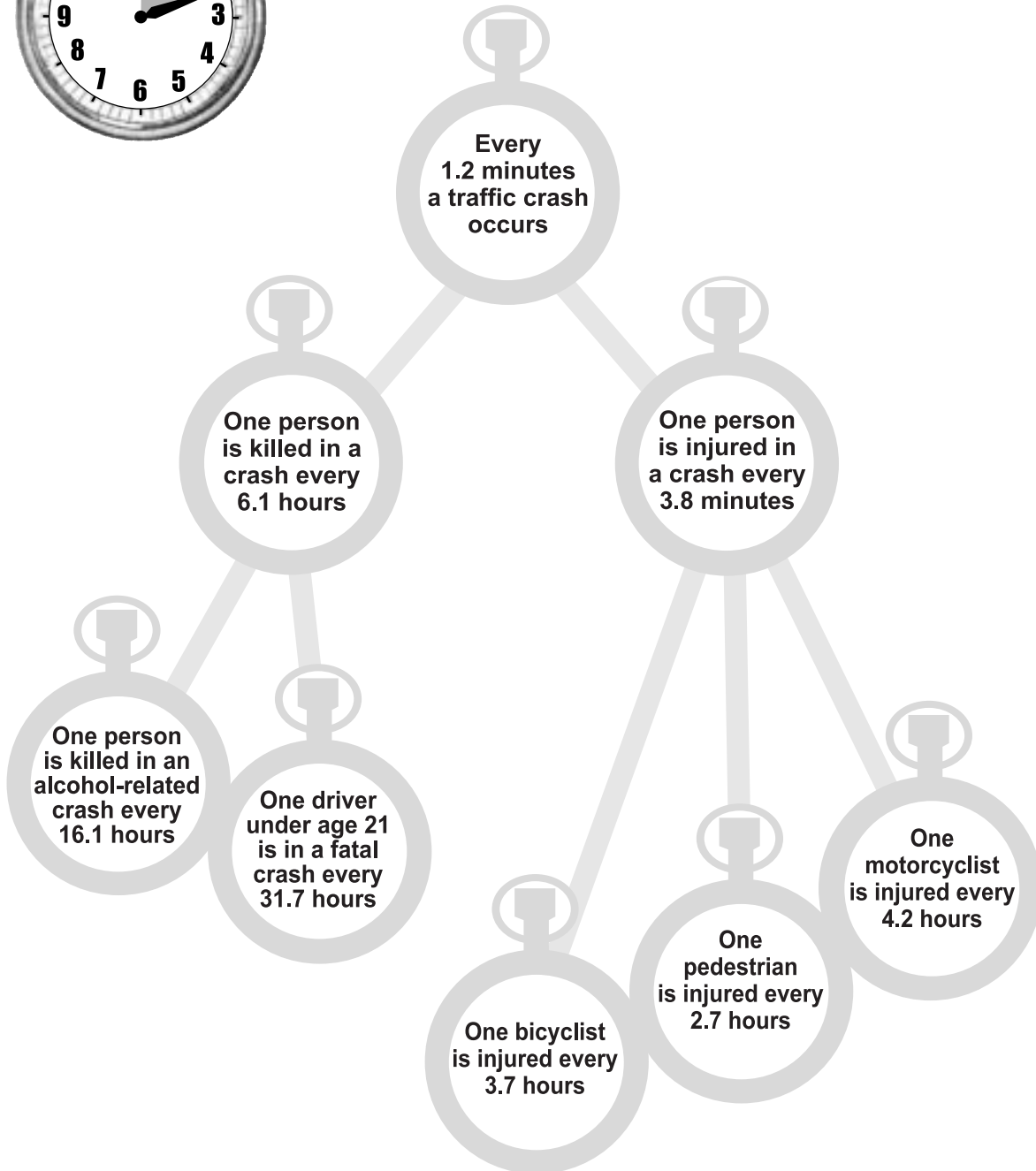
1997 QUICK FACTS

- Some exposure factor comparisons between 1997 and 1996 show motor vehicle registrations rose **0.1** percent, number of Drivers of Record on Michigan roads increased **1.6** percent, and vehicle mileage increased **1.7** percent.
- The 1997 death rate fell to **1.6** deaths per 100 million miles of travel. This is a decrease of **5.9** percent from the 1996 death rate of **1.7**, and it is below the ten-year average of **1.8** (1988-1997).
- There were **1,446** persons killed and **137,548** persons injured in **425,793** reported motor vehicle traffic crashes in Michigan during 1997. Compared with 1996 experience, deaths decreased **3.9** percent, injuries decreased **3.5** percent, and total reported crashes showed a decrease of **2.2** percent.
- This year's death toll of **1,446** was down **3.9** percent from the 1996 figure of **1,505**.
- The **1,446** persons killed were the result of **1,283** fatal crashes for an average of **1.1** deaths per fatal crash.
- There were **425,793** reported crashes of which **1,283** were fatal, **95,359** were personal injury, and **329,151** were property damage only crashes.
- Of all fatal crashes, **30.6** percent occurred at intersections.
- Of all fatal crashes, **37.5** percent involved at least one drinking operator or pedestrian.
- Excessive speed was indicated as the hazardous action by **14.3** percent of the drivers involved in fatal crashes.
- In 1997 there were **128,617** single vehicle crashes, a decrease of **4.0** percent over last year's count of **133,997**.
- Of the **425,793** total crashes, **128,617 (30.2%)** involved one vehicle.
- Of the **1,283** fatal crashes, **558 (43.5%)** involved one vehicle.
- Of the **481** alcohol-related fatal crashes, **281 (58.4%)** involved one vehicle. This is a **6.0** percent decrease from last year's figure of **299** single vehicle, alcohol-related fatal crashes.
- Of the **2,124** drivers involved in fatal crashes, **13.0** percent were under 21 years of age and **20.9** percent of all drivers involved in fatal crashes were under 25 years of age.
- In the last five years (1993-1997), **7,321** persons have been killed in Michigan traffic crashes. This is an average of **1,464** per year. During the previous five-year period (1992-1996), **7,175** persons were killed, for an average of **1,435** per year.
- Of the **9,773,892** persons living in Michigan [1] one out of every **6,759** was killed in a traffic crash; one out of every **71** persons was injured.
- For each person killed there were **95.1** persons injured.
- There were **137,548** persons injured, crippled, or maimed in crashes.

- According to figures provided by the Michigan Department of Community Health [2], accidental death for children in motor vehicle crashes routinely outpaces the next two most frequent causes: fire and drowning.
- According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, five out of six accidental deaths for teenagers and young adults (ages 15-24) are due to motor vehicle crashes.
- The pedestrian death toll for Michigan stands at **167** persons. This represents a decrease of **25** deaths over the 1996 figure.
- For each pedestrian killed, there were **19.1** pedestrians injured.
- Of the pedestrians killed, **43.1** percent were killed while crossing streets other than at intersections.
- Of all pedestrians killed, **21.6** percent were under the age of 21 years and **22.8** percent were 55 and older.
- During the past five years, a total of **902** pedestrians have been killed, an average of **180** per year.
- During the past five years, a total of **147** bicyclists have been killed, an average of **29** per year.
- Children under the age of **16** accounted for **34.5** percent of the bicycle deaths.
- Of the **774,717** drivers and injured passengers involved in crashes, **608,173** or **78.5** percent were *reported* to have been using occupant restraints. Restraint usage among fatal victims, where usage was known, was reported to be **43.9** percent in 1997.
- Motor vehicle occupants age 55 to 64 and 65 to 74 tied for the highest reported restraint usage (**93.2%**) among age groups. Children age 11 to 15 had the lowest reported restraint usage (**68.1%**).
- The economic loss in Michigan traffic crashes amounted to **\$9,707,518,300**.



Michigan's Crash Watch 1997



Who Dies in Michigan Motor Vehicle Crashes?

A Daily Toll

- Four people dead - ***ONE FAMILY EVERYDAY!***
- One person dead in an alcohol-related crash everyday
- Daily economic costs to Michigan residents of:

27 MILLION DOLLARS

11.4 million - for fatalities

13.6 million - for injuries

1.5 million - for property damage

An Annual Toll

- Economic Cost of motor vehicle crashes to Michigan residents is 9.7 billion a year
- 4.2 billion in economic loss due to Michigan motor vehicle fatalities a year
- Alcohol related fatalities amounted to 544 people in 1997
- 1,446 people died in 1997
- ***ONE PERSON DIED EVERY 6 HOURS, 3 MINUTES!***