

## 2003 Michigan Traffic Crash FACT SHEET



### CHILDREN

- 0<sup>75</sup> The number one cause of accidental death for children ages 0-15 in Michigan is motor vehicle crashes.
- 0<sup>75</sup> According to figures provided by the Michigan Department of Community Health, accidental death for children in motor vehicle crashes routinely outpaces the next two most frequent causes: fire and drowning.
- 0<sup>75</sup> 94 children (0-15 years old) died, and 8,499 children were injured in motor vehicle crashes.
- 0<sup>75</sup> Older children age 11 to 15 had the lowest restraint usage (76.6%), as reported to police at the scene of a traffic crash.
- 0<sup>75</sup> Children accounted for 10.7 percent of the pedestrians killed in Michigan in 2003, and 31.3 percent of all pedestrian injuries.
- 0<sup>75</sup> Children under 16 years of age accounted for 10 (31.3%) of the bicycles deaths in 2003.
- 0<sup>75</sup> There were 59,749 licensed drivers in the 0-15 age group in 2003. 58,340 children (14-15 years old) participated in the graduated driver licensing program. Special licenses within this age group included; 198 moped operators, 11 minor restricted operators for family emergencies only, and 1 chauffeur. 2,072 (3.5%) of these drivers were involved in crashes (15 in fatal crashes).

**It is recommended that all children age 12 and under  
ride in a rear seat with appropriate restraint.**