

2004 Michigan Traffic Crash FACT SHEET

Age 0-15



CHILDREN

- 0/15 The number one cause of accidental death for children ages 0-15 in Michigan is motor vehicle crashes.
- 0/15 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.
- 0/15 83 children (0-15 years old) died, and 8,073 children were injured in motor vehicle crashes.
- 0/15 Older children age 11 to 15 had the lowest restraint usage (78.8%), as reported to police at the scene of a traffic crash.
- 0/15 Children accounted for 8.6 percent of the pedestrians killed in Michigan in 2004, and 26.8 percent of all pedestrian injuries.
- 0/15 Children under 16 years of age accounted for 7 (33.3%) of the bicycles deaths in 2004.
- 0/15 There were 61,243 licensed drivers in the 0-15 age group in 2004. 53,727 children (14-15 years old) participated in the graduated driver licensing program. Special licenses within this age group included; 225 moped operators, 11 minor restricted operators for family emergencies only, and 1 chauffeur. 1,893 drivers age 0-15 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.**