

Children Age 0-15



The number one cause of accidental death for children ages 0-15 in Michigan is motor vehicle crashes.

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.

- 35 children (0-15 years old) were killed in motor vehicle crashes, including three drivers age 15. The 0-15 age group accounted for 4.0 percent of all traffic deaths.
- There were 46,785 licensed drivers below the age of 16 in 2009. 910 (0.2%) of these drivers were involved in crashes (five in fatal crashes).
- In addition 5,200 children were injured in motor vehicle crashes.
- Older children age 11 to 15 had the lowest restraint usage (80.5%), as reported to police at the scene of a traffic crash.
- Children accounted for 4.1 percent of the pedestrians killed in Michigan in 2009, and 22.4 percent of all pedestrian injuries.
- Children under 16 years of age accounted for three (15.8%) of the bicyclist deaths in 2009.
- Of the 46,785 licensed drivers in the 0-15 age group, special licenses were issued to 140 moped operators.