

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.

- 39 children (0-15 years old) were killed in motor vehicle crashes, including four drivers age 15. The 0-15 age group accounted for 4.2 percent of all traffic deaths.
- There were 52,789 licensed drivers below the age of 16 in 2010. 885 (0.2%) of these drivers were involved in crashes (nine in fatal crashes).
- In addition, 5,402 children were injured in motor vehicle crashes.
- Older children ages 11 to 15 had the lowest restraint usage (80.8%), as reported to police at the scene of a traffic crash.
- Children accounted for 3.8 percent of the pedestrians killed in Michigan in 2010, and 24.8 percent of all pedestrian injuries.
- Children under 16 years of age accounted for six (20.7%) of the bicyclist deaths in 2010.
- Of the 52,789 licensed drivers in the 0-15 age group, special licenses were issued to 158 moped operators.