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## CAR-DEER CRASHES RISE DURING HUNTING SEASON

'Tis the season for deer-car collisions in Michigan, where more than 67,700 such crashes were reported last year and officials estimate that up to 13,000 more crashes went unreported.

The crashes are no laughing matter. There were 11 deer related fatalities in Michigan last year. Deer collisions cost at least \$130 million in damages. That's an average of about \$2000.00 for each vehicle involved in a crash.

Nearly half of all car-deer crashes happen in the mating season—between October and December. The firearms deer hunting season is a particularly ripe time for deer-car collisions because hunters infiltrating the woods disturb the deer during their breeding season. Hunters are creating a lot of movement so you get that spike of activity. Hunters generally kill about 500,000 deer every year. But since more than 50 percent of those are males, the remaining female deer have fawns in the spring, keeping the population relatively stable.

### ***If a crash between your vehicle and a deer were unavoidable, would you know what to do?***

If a crash with a deer is unavoidable the Michigan Deer Crash Coalition recommends these steps:

- Don't Swerve!
- Brake Firmly.
- Hold on to the steering wheel. Come to a controlled stop.
- Pull well off the road, turn on emergency flashers and be cautious of passing traffic.
- Don't attempt to remove a deer from the roadway unless you are convinced it is dead, an injured deer's sharp hooves can easily hurt you.



Studies show that while swerving to avoid a crash with a deer may seem like the right thing to do, it is often the worst thing to do. Police statistics show very few persons are injured by simply striking a deer. Most serious injuries and deaths occur when drivers swerve out of control and hit a fixed object, like a tree or crash with an oncoming vehicle or roll over.

Michigan is deer country, and the best course of action is to drive defensively and follow these tips:

- Fasten your seat belts. They are the best protection for yourself and your family in the event of a collision.
- Drive with caution all-year round in deer habitat, especially on rural two-lane roads.
- Deer can dart out from any direction without warning. Deer often travel in single file. If you see one whitetail cross the road, chances are there are more behind.
- Deer are most active near dawn and dusk, and especially during the fall mating season and in spring, when they are on the move to find food, often near roads, where the grass greens up first.
- Be especially alert near deer warning signs. They are placed at known deer crossing areas to alert drivers of the possible presents of whitetails crossing in area.

# Halloween Safety Guide



Kids look forward to Halloween because they can dress-up in cool costumes but they mostly like it because of the candy and treats! Who

Watch the candy intake when they get home, too much can lead to stomach aches and indigestion. That includes mom and dad as well.

Make Halloween a fun, safe and happy time for you and your kids and they will carry on the tradition and memories to last a lifetime.

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR TRICK OR TREATING

Trick or Treating should be one of the great adventures of Halloween for kids! Going from neighbors door to door or at the local mall is the stuff of childhood memories! It should be a fun time, without trouble and pain, so following some easy tips can keep your child safe.

- ◆ Children should go out during daylight hours only, unless they are accompanied by an adult.
- ◆ Plan a safe route so parents know where their older kids will be at all times. Set a time for their return home. Make sure that your child is old enough and responsible enough to go out by themselves.
- ◆ Stay in well lighted areas.
- ◆ Small children should never be allowed to go out alone on Halloween, make sure an older sibling or adult is with them.
- ◆ Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they bring them home to be examined by you.
- ◆ Instruct your child to never go into the home of a stranger or get into their car.
- ◆ Make sure your child carries a flash light, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.
- ◆ Let children know that they should stay together as a group if going out to Trick or Treat without an adult.

Trick or treating isn't what it used to be. It's not safe to let kids walk the streets alone. There are many ways to keep you child safe at Halloween when they are more prone to accidents and injuries. The excitement of children and adults at this time of year sometimes makes them forget to be careful. Simple common sense can do a lot to stop any tragedies from happening.

## 3P Campaign—October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month!

Are you a survivor or do you need information on Domestic Violence? Please check out our resources and referrals in the 3P Campaign Office located in the Prahl Building, lower level. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 12 noon 2:00 p.m. If you need immediate assistance, please call **810-762-0222**.

## MCC HALLOWEEN PARTY

When: Friday October 27, 2006    Time: 5:00—8:00 p.m.

Where: Ballenger Field House

Come join in the fun, there will be :

Candy ♦ Food

Bounce House ♦ Live D.J. ♦ Face Painting

Costume Contest ♦ Haunted House

Free Fun for the whole family!

