

CRASH DATA SAVES LIVES!

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CONTRIBUTORY CAUSE CODES

CODE	CAUSE TYPE	CODE	CAUSE TYPE
01	Exceeding authorized speed limit	20	Improper lane usage
02	Falling to yield right-of-way	21	Animal
03	Following too closely	22	Disregarding yield sign
04	Improper overtaking/passing	23	Disregarding stop sign
05	Driving on wrong side/wrong way	24	Disregarding other traffic signs
06	Improper turning/no signal	25	Disregarding traffic signals
07	Turning right on red	26	Disregarding road markings
08	Under the influence of alcohol/drugs (use when arrest is effected)	27	Exceeding safe speed for conditions
10	Equipment - vehicle condition	28	Failing to reduce speed to avoid crash
11	Weather	29	Passing stopped school bus
12	Road engineering/surface/markings defects	30	Improper backing
13	Road construction/maintenance	32	Evasive action due to animal, object, nonmotorist
14	Vision obscured (signs, tree limbs, buildings, etc.)	40	Distraction - from outside vehicle
15	Driving skills/knowledge/experience	41	Distraction - from inside vehicle
17	Physical condition of driver	42	Distraction - operating a wireless phone
18	Unable to determine	50	Operating vehicle in erratic, reckless, careless, negligent or aggressive manner
19	Had been drinking (use when arrest is not made)	99	Not applicable

Select a Primary Contributory Cause from the list above and enter the corresponding two-digit code in the appropriate field near the lower right corner on the front of the crash report form. When appropriate, enter a Secondary Contributory Cause code accordingly.

Definitions

Primary Contributory Cause - The factor which is most significant in causing the crash, as determined by officer judgement.

Secondary Contributory Cause - The second most significant factor contributing to the crash, as determined by officer judgement.

Example

You determine that vehicle speed is the most significant cause of the crash and wireless phone use is the second most significant cause of the crash. Enter 01 in the "PRIMARY" field and 42 in the "SECONDARY" field.