

TIP OF THE MONTH

December in Michigan not only brings the snow, but shadow's us with darkness early in the evening and late in the morning. Michigan law states in part; "every vehicle upon a highway within this state at any time from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise and at any other time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway at a distance of 500 feet..." must use their headlights. This does not include parking lights. This would also require the use of headlights during inclement weather. The law is also clear on what type of light is required, a "white" light. I have observed cars with yellow, green and blue headlights, all of which are unauthorized. My point is simply a safety issue. I recommend always using your headlights when driving, no matter the time of day. Headlights simply make your car more visible to others. Many cars today have day time driving lights, many of which come on automatically when a sensor determines that it's getting dark. It is better to be safe than sorry, and turn the switch to activate your lights. You can test this on your own. Next time you pull up to an intersection, look for vehicles that don't have their headlights on and compare them to ones that do. Notice how much more visible the cars with headlights on are. Wouldn't you like to be more visible when it counts? Headlights alone could prevent you from having an accident.

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