

Aggressive Driving

Aggressive driving is operating a motor vehicle in a selfish, pushy, or impatient manner, often unsafely, that directly affects other drivers. The [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#) estimates that aggressive drivers cause two-thirds of all fatal crashes and nearly 35 percent of all crashes.

Who are aggressive drivers?

These high-risk drivers climb into the anonymity of an a vehicle and take out frustrations on anybody at any time. They have no concern for fellow motorists.

Aggressive driving habits are:

- ! Running stop signs and red lights
- ! Speeding
- ! Tailgating
- ! Weaving in-and-out of traffic
- ! Making hand and facial gestures
- ! Making verbal threats
- ! Screaming, honking and flashing lights



If you are being followed by an aggressive driver, drive to a safe place such as the nearest police or fire station, gas station or other places where there are people. Use your horn to get someone's attention. **DO NOT GET OUT OF YOUR CAR AND DO NOT DRIVE HOME!**

How to react to aggressive drivers:

- Make every attempt to safely get out of their way.
- Do not challenge them by speeding up or attempting to hold your lane.
- Avoid eye contact and ignore gestures.
- Wear your seat belt. Not only is it the law, but it will hold you in your seat in case you must make an abrupt driving maneuver and will protect you in a crash.
- If you wish to report an aggressive driver to law enforcement, provide a vehicle description, license number, location, and if possible, direction of travel.



Always stay in the right lane, except to pass. The right lane is intended for slower traffic. This helps with traffic congestion and therefore reduces the number of aggressive drivers.