

# Aggressive Driving



## We have all seen aggressive drivers who carelessly:

**Express frustration.** Drivers climb into the anonymity of an automobile and take out their frustrations on anybody at any time. Their emotions are high and the concern for fellow motorists is low.

**Lack attention to driving.** Distractions from driving is a major cause of roadway crashes. Motorists are often seen talking on the phone, eating, drinking, primping -- yes, even shaving -- as they drive.

**Tailgate.** Tailgating creates a serious hazard. It is a major cause of crashes that can result in serious injuries.

**Make frequent, unnecessary lane changes.** Drivers who whip in and out of lanes merely to advance one car length ahead are a danger to other motorists.

**Run red lights.** Disregarding traffic controls is a leading cause of urban crashes.

**Speed.** Going faster than the posted speed limit, being a "road racer," going too fast for conditions, and weaving in and out of traffic are some examples of speeding.

## How are your Street Smarts?

Take a minute to **evaluate yourself** to see if you may have developed some habits that could be adding to an **aggressive** driving atmosphere.



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## Are you an Aggressive Driver? ... take the test

Yes No

- Overtake other vehicles only on the left?
- Avoid blocking passing lanes?
- Yield to faster traffic by moving to the right?
- Keep to the right on narrow streets and at intersections?
- Maintain appropriate distance when following other vehicles, bicyclists, motorcyclists, etc.?
- Provide appropriate distance when cutting in after passing vehicles?
- Yield to pedestrians?
- Come to a complete stop at stop signs, or before making a right turn on a red light?
- Stop for red traffic lights?
- Approach intersections and pedestrians at slow speeds to show your intention and ability to stop?
- Follow right-of-way rules at four-way stops?
- Drive below posted speed limits when conditions warrant?
- Drive at slower speeds in construction zones?
- Use vehicle turn signals for turns and lane changes?
- Make eye contact and signal intentions where needed?
- Use your horn sparingly around pedestrians, at night, and around hospitals?
- Avoid unnecessary use of high beam headlights?
- Yield and move to the right for emergency vehicles?
- Refrain from flashing headlights to signal a desire to pass?
- Make slow, deliberate U-turns?
- Maintain proper speeds around roadway crashes?
- Avoid returning inappropriate gestures?
- Avoid challenging other drivers?
- Focus on driving and avoid distracting activities (e.g., smoking, use of a cell phone, reading, shaving)?
- Avoid blocking the right-hand turn lane?

**SCORE YOURSELF-** add the number of "No" answers

1-3  
Excellent

4-7  
Good

8-11  
Fair

12 +  
Poor

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