

AGGRESSIVE DRIVERS

WHO ARE THEY?

Here's what we know of them, so far:

- ◆ These high risk drivers climb into the anonymity of an automobile and **take out their frustrations** on anybody at any time.
- ◆ For them, frustration levels are high, and level of **concern for fellow motorists is low.**
- ◆ They run stop signs and red lights, speed, **tailgate, weave in and out of traffic,** pass on the right, make improper and unsafe lane changes, make hand and facial gestures, scream, honk, and flash their lights.
- ◆ They drive at speeds far in excess of the norm which causes them to: **follow too closely,** change lanes frequently and abruptly without notice (signals), pass on the shoulder or unpaved portions of the roadway, and leer at and/or **threaten - verbally or through gestures -** motorists who are thoughtless enough to be in front of them.

WHEN CONFRONTED BY AGGRESSIVE DRIVERS:

- ◆ First and foremost make every attempt to **get out of their way**.
- ◆ Put your pride in the back seat. **Do not challenge** them by speeding up or attempting to hold-your-own in your travel lane.
- ◆ **Wear your seat belt**. It will hold you in your seat and behind the wheel in case you need to make an abrupt driving maneuver and it will protect you in a crash.
- ◆ **Avoid eye contact**.
- ◆ **Ignore gestures** and refuse to return them.
- ◆ **Report aggressive drivers** to the appropriate authorities by providing a vehicle description, license number, location, and, if possible, direction of travel.
- ◆ If you have a "Cell" phone, and can do it safely, **call the police** -- many have special numbers (e.g. 9-1-1 or #77).
- ◆ If an aggressive driver is involved in a crash farther down the road, stop a safe distance from the crash scene, wait for the police to arrive, and **report the driving behavior** that you witnessed.

Avoid the challenges or confrontations of an aggressive driver and support law enforcement's efforts to rid the streets and highways of this menace.



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