

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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