

Aggressive Drivers

Tips To Avoid Aggressive Driving Situations

Stay Calm Behind the Wheel

- Plan ahead. Allowing your self enough travel time will prevent a time crunch.
- Obey the rules of the road. Respect traffic lights and speed limits to ensure proper traffic flow.
- Identify alternate routes. Try to find routes that will enable you to avoid traffic congestion on busier roads.
- Just be late. Being late for work or an appointment is better than endangering your life or that of someone else.
- Drive sober. Absolutely never drink and drive.
- Keep the kids content. With young children, take regular stops and bring plenty of items to keep them occupied.

Protect Yourself from Aggressive Drivers

- Don't take it personally. Be polite, even if the other driver is not. If another driver challenges you, take a deep breath and move out of the way
- Keep your eyes on the road. Don't provoke an aggressive driver further by making negative eye contact or gesturing. Show them they cant distract you from driving safely
- Always be a courteous driver. Set an example for other drivers by always being courteous and driving defensively
- Take all safety measures. The number one passenger safety precaution is to make sure everyone is properly buckled up.

Take Action! You Can Prevent Aggressive Driving

Just as community groups have banded together to protect their neighborhoods, drivers must take an active role in preventing aggressive driving on our roads and highways. Here are some simple tips on how to make a difference.

- Report incidents of aggressive driving. If your safety, or the safety of someone around you, is being threatened by an aggressive driver, contact the police.
- Set an example for younger passengers. Children are keenly observant. Educating them at an early age through your actions will teach them the importance of being courteous.

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