

Combat aggressive driving

Aggressive driving is operating a vehicle in a way that endangers, or is likely to endanger, people or property. Road rage is the extreme of aggressive driving, when behavior turns angry and violent, and can lead to fatal motor vehicle crashes. We've likely all seen aggressive drivers on the road. In certain moments, maybe you've been an aggressive driver yourself. For an aggressive driver, frustration levels are high, and levels of concern for fellow motorists are low. According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety's 2019 data, almost 80% of drivers expressed significant anger, aggression, or road rage behind the wheel at least once in the previous 30 days.

Common behaviors of aggressive drivers

- Running stop signs and red lights
- Driving over the speed limit
- Tailgating cars
- Weaving in and out of traffic
- Passing on the right
- Making improper and unsafe lane changes
- Making inappropriate or threatening verbal remarks or gestures
- Screaming, honking, and flashing lights



Practice basic traffic courtesy

The American Automobile Association Foundation for Traffic Safety and the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration says the best way to avoid being the target of an aggressive driver is to practice basic traffic courtesy and follow these tips:

- Make every attempt to get out of the aggressive driver's way
- Wear your seat belt
- Don't challenge an aggressive driver
- Don't make eye contact

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- Don't make obscene gestures
- Don't tailgate
- Use your horn sparingly
- Don't block the passing lane
- Don't block the right-turn lane
- Don't take more than one parking space
- Don't allow the door of your car to hit the car parked next to you
- Don't play music too loudly
- If you drive slowly, pull over and allow traffic to pass
- Don't let a phone distract you
- Don't stop in the road to talk to another driver or pedestrian
- Report aggressive drivers to the appropriate authorities

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