

Safety Talk



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5 MINUTE SAFETY TALK: AGGRESSIVE VS. FRIENDLY DRIVING

This safety talk can be used along with the corresponding PowerPoint presentation or on its own. The bolded items are additional pieces of information not included on the slides.

Title Slide- NETS: Aggressive Vs. Friendly Driving

Slide 2

What percentage of fatal crashes involves aggressive driving behaviors?

Slide 3-The Facts

- As much as 56% of fatal crashes involve one or more aggressive driving behaviors.
- According to the AAA Foundation's Traffic Safety Culture Index, 78% of respondents believe aggressive drivers to be a serious or extremely serious traffic safety problem.

Slide 4- What is Aggressive Driving?

- When individuals commit a combination of moving traffic offenses so as to endanger other persons or property.
- NOT the same as road rage, which is a criminal act of assault using a motor vehicle as a weapon.

Slide 5- Aggressive Driving Behaviors

- Tailgating
- Speeding
- Failure to obey traffic signs and signals
- Weaving
- Unsafe lane changes

Slide 6- Aggressive Driving Behaviors

- Failure to use turn signal
- Passing on the right
- Honking
- Making hand and facial gestures
- Screaming/making verbal threats

Slide 7- What to do When Confronted by Aggressive Drivers

- Get out of their way.
- Do not challenge them. **Don't speed up, try to race, or do anything to aggravate them further.**
- Avoid eye contact.
- Ignore gestures and do not return them.
- Report the driver. **Take note of their vehicle, license plate, location, and direction of travel.**

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Slide 8- Be a Friendly Driver

- Always use your turn signal to change lanes, merge, or turn. **Give enough notice beforehand.**
- Avoid using obscene or hostile hand gestures.
- Choose to have a positive attitude, especially when other drivers may be in the wrong.

Slide 9- Be a Friendly Driver

- Obey the posted speed limit.
- Be sure to change lanes without cutting another driver off.
- Maintain a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you.
- If another driver wants to pass, let them.

Slide 10- Be a Friendly Driver

- Respect pedestrians' right of way.
- Concentrate on driving and avoid distractions, such as cell phone use, putting on makeup, eating, etc.
- Smile at others if you make eye contact! **But do not cause distraction.**