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Aggressive Vs. Friendly Driving

What percentage of fatal crashes involves aggressive driving behaviors?

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, 80% of respondents believe aggressive drivers to be a serious or extremely serious traffic safety problem.

Source: AAA

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.

Source: AAA

Aggressive Driving Behaviors

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



Aggressive Driving Behaviors

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



What to do When Confronted by Aggressive Drivers

- Get out of their way
- Do not challenge them
- Avoid eye contact
- Ignore gestures and do not return them
- Report the driver

Be a Friendly Driver

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



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.



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!



Source: The Utah Highway Safety Office

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