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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

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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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