

Dealing with Aggressive Drivers

Takeaway: Do not engage in any manner with an aggressive driver. Note the license plate number and report their actions to the authorities as soon as possible.

Aggressive driver behavior includes running a red light, speeding, tailgating, passing on the right, weaving in and out of traffic, yelling, constantly honking the horn and flashing headlights.

If you encounter an aggressive driver, do your best to move out of their way. Avoid the temptation to challenge the aggressive driver, either by speeding or retaliating in like manner. Make sure that your seat belt is securely fastened at all times. Do not make eye contact with the aggressive driver. Do not respond to any gestures that he or she may make toward you.

Make an effort to report the aggressive driver to the appropriate authorities. Make an effort to record the registration plate number of their vehicle. You will also want to describe the vehicle, the direction it was traveling, and the location of the aggressive behavior.

If an aggressive driver causes you to stop and gets out of their car to threaten you, lock your doors and stay inside your vehicle. Call the police and wait for assistance. In the event that the aggressive driver is involved in a car accident further along the highway, stop at a safe distance and wait for the authorities. When they arrive, report the behavior that you were witness to.