

Are YOU an Aggressive Driver?

You are an aggressive driver if you drive in a pushy, bold or selfish manner, which puts yourself and others at risk.

- Aggressive driving is a contributing factor in nearly half of all crashes in Idaho.
- Up to three-fourths of all aggressive-driving crashes occur in urban areas.
- More than four out of five fatal aggressive-driver crashes that involved a single vehicle occurred in rural areas.
- Young drivers, ages 19 and younger, are over 4 times as likely to be involved in an aggressive-driving crash than all other drivers.

No Excuses. Speed Kills.

The following behaviors are considered aggressive driving:

(Numbers 1-8 are considered traffic violations)

1. Failing to obey traffic-control devices, such as stop/yield/speed limit signs, traffic signals and roadway markings
2. Speeding
3. Tailgating or following-too-close (not allowing for three seconds of reaction time between vehicles)
4. Driving too fast for conditions
5. Making improper lane changes frequently and abruptly
6. Passing on the shoulder in an unsafe manner and putting others at risk
7. Weaving in and out of traffic
8. Honking unnecessarily
9. Screaming or flashing lights at others
10. Making rude hand or facial gestures



When does Aggressive Driving become Road Rage?

- Road rage is a deliberate act of assault with a motor vehicle or other dangerous weapon by the occupant of one vehicle against the occupant of another vehicle.
- Often the individual who incites the road rage may not have done so intentionally.
- Road rage can lead to criminal offenses/charges.

If confronted by an aggressive driver, you should:

- Get out of their way as soon as you can safely
- Stay calm — reaching your destination safely is your goal
- Do not challenge him or her
- Avoid eye contact
- Ignore gestures and don't return them
- Always buckle up in case abrupt movements cause you to lose control of your vehicle

Can I report an Aggressive Driver or Road Rage incident?

Citizens have the right to report an aggressive-driving or road-rage incident to law enforcement if it is witnessed in the absence of an officer.

The following is the type of information you will need to provide, if safely possible:

1. Find a safe place to call 911, or call dispatch when you get home.
2. Provide time, location, license plate, vehicle and driver description, if possible.
3. Describe the incident in detail, and be prepared to appear in court if needed.

NOTES

License Plate: _____

Make/Model: _____

Location: _____

Driver: Male or Female Approximate Age: _____

Time: _____

Other: _____

Learn more about Aggressive Driving and access a link to Idaho's aggressive-driving statistics at www.itd.idaho.gov/ohs/Aggressive.htm

Idaho Transportation Department

