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- Tailgating
- Speeding
- Blocking a car from passing
- Changing lanes w/o signaling
- Running a red light
- Weaving in and out of traffic

**Penalty: Criminal Offense**
$1,000+

Possible fines, imprisonment, court costs, and attorney bills.

**Penalty: Traffic Citation**
$160-$500

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**What is It?**

**How to Respond**

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56% of fatal crashes are caused by aggressive driving.

2% of drivers admit to trying to run an aggressor off the road.

50% of drivers who experience road rage admit to responding with aggressive behavior themselves.

Sources: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), AAA Foundation for Safety, The Zebra
Statistics as of 2020. Based on Nationwide Data.
Tips to Avoid Becoming a Victim of Aggressive Driving

**DON'T ENGAGE**

One angry driver can't start a fight unless another driver is willing to join in.

- **Steer Clear:** Give angry or aggressive drivers lots of room.
- **Avoid Eye Contact:** Looking or staring at another driver can turn an impersonal encounter between two vehicles into a possible fight. You can listen to music to re-focus, but be sure to keep your attention on the main task of driving safely.
- **Get Help:** If you believe the other driver is following you or is trying to start a fight, get help! Call the police. Otherwise, drive to a public place. Use your horn to get someone's attention. This will usually discourage an aggressor.

**DON'T GET OUT OF YOUR CAR. DON'T GO HOME.**

**DON'T OFFEND**

When surveys ask drivers what angers them most, the results are remarkably consistent:

- Tailgating
- Cutting off
- Blasting horn
- Obscene gestures
- Driving distracted
- Driving slow in left lane

**ADJUST YOUR ATTITUDE**

The most important actions to avoid aggressive driving take place inside your head.

**REMEMBER:**
Driving is not a contest. Put yourself in the other driver's shoes. Seek help for any anger or stress issues.