

Aggressive Driving – On The Rise in Newport News

I realized I was an Aggressive Driver...when my four year old yelled “pick a lane fool” from the seat in the grocery cart.



Aggressive driving is becoming a growing issue in Virginia, but, just what is aggressive driving?

We've all seen it.

What if I encounter an aggressive driver?

- ✓ Always make sure you and everyone in the vehicle is buckled up. That is the best defense against an aggressive driver.
- ✓ Do not engage the other driver.
- ✓ Do not react to provocation.
- ✓ Do not make eye contact, or make any gestures to further aggravate the situation.
- ✓ Do your best to get away from the driver safely.

- ✓ Call local law enforcement or dial #77 on the interstate to report the aggressive driver to the state police. Be prepared to provide a description of the driver's vehicle, location, direction of travel and license plate number.
- ✓ If you are followed, drive to a police station or a busy public place. Do not drive home or get out of your car.
- ✓ Ignore gestures and refuse to return them.
- ✓ If an aggressive driver is involved in a crash farther down the road, stop a safe distance from the crash scene, wait for the police to arrive, and report the driving behavior that you witnessed.



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To avoid being an aggressive driver:

- ✓ Allow plenty of time to get to your destination and plan your journey to avoid rush hours.
- ✓ Improve the comfort in your vehicle and understand that you cannot control the traffic.
- ✓ Don't drive when you are angry.
- ✓ Listen to soothing music when you drive.
- ✓ Listen to traffic and weather reports to learn of potential delays and hazards.

To be a courteous driver:

- ✓ Do not tailgate.
- ✓ Use your horn sparingly.
- ✓ Do not block the passing lane.
- ✓ Provide appropriate distance when changing lanes after passing another vehicle.
- ✓ Use your signals to indicate a turn or lane change.
- ✓ Concentrate on your driving, not on your cell phone, stereo, passengers or other distractions.
- ✓ Avoid unnecessary use of your high beam headlights.

