Aggressive Driving Stats and Facts



FACTS

1. Speeding gives drivers less opportunity to react in dangerous situations. It reduces the ability to steer safely around curves and objects in the road. It increases the force of impact in the event of an accident.
2. The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) reports that nearly one-third of all traffic fatalities are speed-related.
3. The most common aggressive driving actions that contribute to the accidents are:

- Speeding.
- Failure to yield the right of way.
- Careless, erratic or reckless driving.
- Failure to obey traffic signals or signs.
- Improper turns.
- Improper passing.
- Tailgating

STATS

According to estimates by the AAA Foundation’s Annual Traffic Safety Culture Index, millions of drivers engaged in the following angry and aggressive behaviors in the 30 days before the survey, including:

- Aggressive driving by switching lanes quickly/or very close behind another car: 26 percent (57 million drivers)
- Making rude gestures or honked at other drivers: 32 % (71 million drivers)
- Driving 15 mph over the speed limit on a freeway: 48 % (106 million drivers)
- Driving through a red light: 31 % (68 million drivers)
- Passing in front of a vehicle at less than a car length: 22 % (49 million drivers)
- Speeding up when another vehicle tried to overtake you: 25 % (55 million drivers)
- Following the vehicle in front closely to prevent another vehicle from merging in front of you: 34 % (75 million drivers)
- Merging into traffic even when another driver tries to close the gap

between vehicles: 28 % (62 million drivers)