

MYTHS AND FACTS ABOUT AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

AGGRESSIVE DRIVERS AFFECT EVERYONE- MOST CANADIANS THINK AGGRESSIVE DRIVING IS A **SERIOUS** PROBLEM

THINK YOU'RE NOT AN AGGRESSIVE DRIVER?

Do you:

- Speed?
- Follow too closely?
- Weave in and out of traffic?
- Block cars trying to merge?
- Get angry with or threaten other drivers, passengers or pedestrians?
- Roll through stop signs or speed through amber lights?

SOUND LIKE YOU?

Some people react aggressively to frustrating situations, while others think that they are skilled enough to drive aggressively without hurting anyone.



MYTH: Who am I hurting? Aggressive driving isn't really dangerous.

FACT: Research indicates that 26% of drivers involved in fatal collisions may have been driving aggressively. And it'll cost you - a dangerous driving charge has a maximum fine of \$2,000 and a maximum jail term of five years.

MYTH: Speeding will cut down my travel time.

FACT: Racing up to the next light shaves only 2½ minutes from a 60-minute trip.



But going just 10 km/h over a 60 km/h limit makes you four times more likely to have a serious crash - 20 km/h over increases your chances 32 times! And speeding fines in Ontario have increased.

MYTH: Driving this way gets me ahead.

FACT: Aggressive driving won't get you there much faster but it will cost you a lot more in gas - driving this way increases your fuel consumption by 37%. Want to save gas?

The safer, more fuel-efficient option is smooth acceleration and steady speed.

CURB YOUR AGGRESSION!

- Don't drive when you're angry, upset or overtired
- Allow enough travel time and know alternative routes
- Drive the speed limit
- Let other drivers merge
- Acknowledge your mistakes with a wave

AVOID AGGRESSIVE DRIVERS!

- Don't take the bait! Avoid getting into a confrontation with an aggressive driver
- Ignore rude gestures
- Keep plenty of room between you and an aggressive driver
- Give others the benefit of the doubt - aggressive driving isn't always intentional

DO YOU KNOW AN AGGRESSIVE DRIVER?

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO PREVENT AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

- Let them know how their aggressive driving makes you feel.
- Focus on their behaviour, not them as a person.
- Be assertive. State your point clearly and concisely.
- Listen to what they have to say and try to help them figure out why they are driving aggressively.