

## Road Rage Curriculum

### Station Objective:

The participants will learn to ...

- Avoid dangerous situations while driving
- Respond to the correct procedures to follow in case of a crash
- Reconstruct what to do in case of a deer accident
- Correctly answer questions taken from the State of Ohio BMV booklet dealing with reckless driving.

### Materials Needed:

- 13 carpet squares with two sets of numbers 1 through 6 and one Go Right square.
- Sign with the following categories posted for participants to choose from when playing the activity.

TAILGATING  
BRIGHT LIGHTS  
SUNNY DAZE  
CUTTING ME OFF  
LOSING DRIVING PRIVILEGES  
PREVENTING CRASHES  
GO RIGHT

- A 5" X 5" cloth die
- Questions on cards for CARTEENS to ask the contestants/ participants

### Preparation:

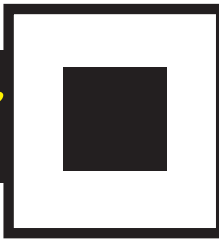
- Lay out two rows of 6 carpet squares with coordinating number on the floor. Place the single "Go Right" carpet square at the end of the two rows.
- Place sign with category selections in a visible spot.
- Have one Carteen member read the questions to the group.
- Have group divide up into two groups.

### Rules:

1. Teams roll die to see who goes first.
2. Team rolls die — number represents which square the participant should stand.
3. One member of that team goes to the corresponding square.
4. That participant answer the question given by the Carteen member. Correct answer: next participant from the same team rolls again.  
Wrong answer: stay there, loose turn to the other team.
5. Only one person per square from each team. Another team member must roll again to land on an unoccupied square. When all squares are occupied by the team, then the team can advance to GO RIGHT.
6. In case of a tie in GO RIGHT a second question will be asked.
7. To break a tie, the team rolls the die again. Highest die number gets to answer. If correct answer is given, the team wins. If wrong, the other team is the winner.



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## Road Rage Activity Answer Sheet

### Station Activity:

#### Losing Driving Privileges

A. True or False. Your school superintendent will notify the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles and juvenile court if you dropout of school.

**Answer: True**

B. If your board of education adopts a resolution for excessive absences, how many total days in one semester would you miss without a legitimate excuse, that the superintendent would notify the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to suspend your driving privileges?

**Answer: 15**

#### Preventing Crashes

A. To maintain enough distance between you and another vehicle, allow how many car lengths for each 10 mph of speed?

**Answer: One**

B. True or False. When approaching within 100 feet of an intersection, you should not pass left of center.

**Answer: True**

#### Bright Lights

A. True or False. If a car approaches you with bright lights on, it is important to stare at the lights to prevent a crash?

**Answer: False**

B. When following closely behind another vehicle and when another vehicle is approaching you, you should keep your head lights on:

- a. Dim
- b. Bright

**Answer: A**

#### Tailgating

A. If being tailgated, what should you do?

**Answer: Change lanes and let the car pass**

B. If someone were tailgating me, I would?

**Answer: Move out of the way as soon as possible.**

#### Cutting Me Off

A. What should you do if you get cut off by another vehicle?

**Answer: Take a deep breath and forget it. Give the driver the right away.**

B. Excessive lane switching does what to moving traffic?

**Answer: Slows traffic down and creates a dangerous situation**

#### Sunny Daze

A. In winter driving, what should be in excellent condition on your vehicle?

**Answer: Lights, brakes, wipers, defroster, and keep a vent/window cracked open to prevent carbon monoxide leakage.**

B. When driving in fog, what should you do to prevent having an accident?

**Answer: Slow down speed, use low beam lights, keep distance with others on the road, drive with window open.**

#### GO RIGHT

A. To make room for emergency vehicles on the road, motorist must always pull to what direction and stop?

**Answer: Right**

B. True or False. If an emergency vehicle is approaching you from behind, and you are in the left turn lane, you should make your left turn and then stop.

**Answer: False. You should go through the intersection and pull over to the right and stop.**

C. True or False. You must always yield to an emergency vehicle making a left turn.

**Answer: True**

D. True or False. In heavy traffic you find yourself in the left hand lane and an emergency vehicle is approaching; you should stop and wait for the vehicle to pass.

**Answer: False. Pull as close to the right lane traffic as possible.**

#### Tie Breaker

A. As a pedestrian when crossing the street, you should do what?

**Answer: Look left, right, then left again before crossing the street.**

B. A school bus driver can turn in a driver who fails to stop. What is the fine?

**Answer: Appearance in court, fine up to \$500, a maximum of one year license suspension.**

C. You will receive what kind of fine for using a fake I.D. to purchase alcohol for the third time?

**Answer: Mandatory fine of \$500 to \$1,000, six months in jail, ninety day license suspension with community service work, license suspension until age 21.**



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## Road Rage Safety Facts

### **Facts & Figures:**

Aggressive driving is defined by police and insurance companies as speeding, running a red light or stop sign, failure to yield the right of way and reckless driving. Road Rage usually begins with aggressive driving, but includes physical assault stemming from a traffic dispute.

Analyzing more than 500,000 accident reports over the past decade collected by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration — a representative sampling of all 24 million accidents reported from 1988 through 1997—USA Today found:

- The rate of aggressive driving accidents has remained virtually constant, accounting for one of every five crashes with injuries each year.
- Over the past decade, aggressive driving has killed an average of 1,500 people each year, injured another 800,000 and cost roughly \$24 billion annually in medical costs, property damage and lost work time.
- The number of speeding accidents jumped 48 percent over the decade – from 103,000 in 1988 to 153,000 in 1997.
- Drivers ages 16 to 24 caused 37 percent of aggressive driving crashes, compared to their overall involvement in 27 percent of all accidents.

Source: "Aggressive Driving: A Road Well-Traveled," USA Today, November 23, 1998. [www.ncpa.org/pd/regular/reg-2.html](http://www.ncpa.org/pd/regular/reg-2.html)

### **Reduce your stress when you drive.**

Allow plenty of time for the trip, listen to soothing music, improve the comfort in your vehicle, and understand that you cannot control traffic, only your reaction to it. In the end, you may find that personal frustration, anger, and impatience may be the most dangerous "drugs" on the highway.

### **Assume other drivers' mistakes are not personal.**

Be polite and courteous, even if the other driver is not. Avoid all conflict if possible. If another driver challenges you, take a deep breath and move out of the way. Never underestimate the other driver's capacity for causing mayhem.

### **Be a courteous driver.**

Everyone has the power to set an example, and this will help make your roadways safer.

- Control your own anger.
- Don't take traffic problems personally
- Avoid making eye contact with an aggressive driver
- Don't make obscene gestures
- Don't tailgate
- Use your horn sparingly. (Even a polite honk can be misinterpreted.)
- Don't block the passing lane
- Don't block the right-hand turn lane.

Source: [www.progressive.com/RC/Dsafety/rc\\_dealing.asp](http://www.progressive.com/RC/Dsafety/rc_dealing.asp)

The term **Road Rage** was created in the popular media to describe emotion-based reckless, aggressive and intimidating driving. There is no specific offense in Ohio Law entitled "Road Rage," but the actions which are labeled "Road Rage" are specific offenses. Among these are: menacing, reckless operation, impeding and assault, to name a few.

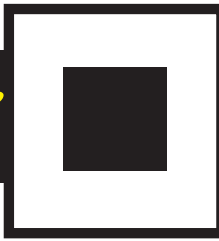
### **To avoid becoming a victim of Road Rage:**

There are several strategies you can use to minimize the potential dangers of Road Rage, including:

- Do not react to provocation
- Stay away from erratic drivers
- Avoid eye contact with aggressive drivers
- Use your horn sparingly
- Do not make obscene gestures
- Do not switch lanes without signaling
- Do not tailgate
- Do not block the passing lane
- When parking, do not take more than one parking space
- Be polite and courteous even if other drivers are not
- Avoid all conflict and allow plenty of time for your trip

Source: *The Ohio State Highway Patrol*





## Are you an Aggressive Driver?

### Take the Test

See if you have developed aggressive habits that could threaten your safety, the safety of your passengers and others driving on the road. You can also learn how to reduce the stress of dealing with the aggressive driving habits of others.

### Yes or no, do you...

1. Overtake other vehicles only on the left?
2. Avoid blocking passing lanes?
3. Yield to faster traffic by moving to the right?
4. Keep to the right as much as possible on narrow streets and at intersections?
5. Maintain appropriate distance when following other motorists, bicyclist, motorcyclist, etc.?
6. Provide appropriate distance when cutting in after passing vehicles?
7. Use headlights in cloudy, rainy, and other low light conditions?
8. Yield to pedestrians?
9. Come to a complete stop at stop signs, before right turns on red, etc.?
10. Stop for red traffic lights?
11. Approach intersections and pedestrians at slow speeds to show your intention and ability to stop?
12. Follow right-of-way rules at four-way stops?
13. Drive below posted speed limits when conditions warrant?
14. Drive at slower speeds in construction zones?
15. Maintain speeds appropriate for conditions?
16. Use vehicle turn signals for all turns and lane changes?
17. Make eye contact and signal intentions where needed?
18. Acknowledge intentions of others?
19. Use your horn sparingly around pedestrians, at night, around hospitals, etc.?
20. Avoid unnecessary use of high-beam headlights?
21. Yield and move to the right for emergency vehicles?
22. Refrain from flashing headlights to signal a desire to pass?
23. Drive trucks at posted speeds, in the proper lanes, using non-aggressive lane changing?
24. Make slow, deliberate U-turns?
25. Maintain proper speeds around roadway crashes?
26. Avoid returning inappropriate gestures?
27. Avoid challenging other drivers?
28. Try to get out of the way of aggressive drivers?
29. Refrain from momentarily using High Occupancy Vehicle lanes to pass vehicles?
30. Focus on driving and avoid distracting activities (e.g., smoking, use of a car telephone, reading, shaving)?
31. Avoid driving when drowsy?
32. Avoid blocking the right-hand turn lane?
33. Avoid taking more than one parking space?
34. Avoid parking in a disabled space (if you are not disabled)?
35. Avoid letting your door hit the car parked next to you?
36. Avoid stopping in the road to talk with a pedestrian or other driver?
37. Avoid inflicting loud music on neighboring cars?

### Score yourself...

### Are you an aggressive driver or a smooth operator?

#### Number of "no" answers

1-3  
4-7  
8-11  
12+

#### How you rate

Excellent  
Good  
Fair  
Poor



Test questions taken from National Highway Traffic Safety  
Source: [www.progressive.com/RC/Dsafety/rc\\_aggressive.asp](http://www.progressive.com/RC/Dsafety/rc_aggressive.asp)



## Road Rage Quiz

- 1. If you are driving in traffic in the fast lane and the person in front of you is driving the speed limit do you:**
  - A. slow down because you realize you are speeding
  - B. slow down, turn on your signals and move into the other lane, and eventually move back into the faster lane.
  - C. Tailgate the idiot
  - D. Turn on your high beams and honk your horn and tailgate
  - E. Zip into the slow lane; then zip into the faster lane while using obscene gestures and then slow down in front of the car.
- 2. You are in a parking lot looking for a parking space. You spot an empty place but there is a woman standing in the middle of the space obviously saving the space for her husband who is nowhere to be seen. Do you...**
  - A. move on and look for another place
  - B. give her a dirty look and then move on
  - C. swear at her telling her to move
  - D. act like you are going to drive into her
  - E. drive into the spot just missing her by an inch
- 3. You are stopping at a traffic light and the light has just turned green. The person in front of you is chatting on a cell phone. Do you...**
  - A. wait calmly, realizing that it will only be a second or two
  - B. wait a second, put on your turn signals and move into another lane
  - C. honk you horn and yell out your window.
  - D. zoom up quickly behind the person, honking madly
  - E. zoom up behind, swerve beside the person, ranting and raving then in the middle of the intersection slow down in front of the person and then zoom off.
- 4. A person is tailgating you. Do you...**
  - A. as soon as it is safe, signal and pull into another lane
  - B. continue on because you are going the speed limit
  - C. stick your hand out the window and give them the finger
  - D. slow down even more and make it impossible for the idiot to get into another lane
  - E. slow down, then speed up, then slow down again and slam on the brakes
- 5. When you are in your car, how often are you ranting and raving?**
  - A. almost never
  - B. occasionally
  - C. most of the time
  - D. 99 percent of the time
  - E. 100 percent of the time in the car and 50 percent of the time outside of the car once you've reached your destination
- 6. Which of the following groups of people do you find have poor driving skills?**
  - A. sorry I can't really categorize them
  - B. people who drive for a living
  - C. people from other ethnicity than your own, women drivers, taxi drivers
  - D. other ethnicity, women, teenagers, older people, people with glasses, taxi drivers, blondes, people who are so short that they can't be seen behind the wheel, minivan drivers, sports car drivers, truckers
  - E. all of the above plus brunettes, black haired people, bald people, red heads, punk hair colored people, members of the hair club





## Road Rage Quiz

7. I find driving to be...

- A. fun and relaxing
- B. relaxing when I'm alone on the road, but nerve racking in city traffic
- C. challenging but dangerous
- D. a good place where I can really let loose and express myself
- E. a place where I show the rest of the world what a bunch of incompetents they are

8. My driving skills are:

- A. good
- B. great
- C. better than most on the road
- D. superior
- E. I am the best; no one comes close to my skill

9. You are driving down the road going your usual speed when you spot a woman putting on her makeup. Do you...

- A. laugh and continue on your way
- B. drive by and give her a dirty look
- C. speed past her and yell.
- D. speed past give her the finger, yell obscenities
- E. same as 'd' but also cut in front of her and slam on the brakes

10. Which phrase tells best how you feel:

- A. I like people
- B. I like some people
- C. Most people suck
- D. I like people when they are not around
- E. I don't like people at all

### Score Yourself

Give yourself the following points for each letter.

- For every "a" give yourself 0 points
- For every "b" give yourself 2 points
- For every "c" give yourself 3 points
- For every "d" give yourself 4 points
- For every "e" give yourself 5 points

Add them up...

- 0-6 points = You are a saint. If everybody were like you there would be world peace.
- 7-20 points = You have your good and bad days on the road. Overall you only suffer from mild road rage.
- 21-30 points = You can be seen by others as scary at times. Take up some form of sport to channel your energies.
- 31-40 points = You are dangerous. Increase your medication now.
- 41-50 points = You are a truly sick individual. Move to the country immediately, become a vegetarian; take up yoga; quit your job and buy a farm; grow vegetables; denounce the consumer society; join greenpeace; donate all your motorized vehicles to a worthy cause.

Source: [webhome.idirect.com/~kehamilt/rage.htm](http://webhome.idirect.com/~kehamilt/rage.htm)

