

IDENTIFYING YOUR OWN ANGRY, CONTROLLING, AND AGGRESSIVE DRIVING BEHAVIORS

It is important to understand your anger triggers on the road but it is also helpful to think about and identify your own angry, controlling, and aggressive driving behaviors in the past and present. Using the following scale, please record how often you have engaged in the following behaviors in the past (the 12 months when you had the most anger in the car during your lifetime) and in the present (the most recent 12 months). This can give you a chance to be clear about some driving behaviors that you can change if you wish to do so.

0: Never	1: Rarely	2: Occasionally	3: Often	4: Very often
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Past Present

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| ___ | ___ | Having negative or demeaning thoughts about other drivers, bikers, or pedestrians (e.g. <i>“What an idiot/jerk/asshole/loser”</i>) |
| ___ | ___ | Making negative comments out loud to yourself or others in your car about other drivers, bikers, or pedestrians |
| ___ | ___ | Pulling your car close to the car in front of you to keep someone from merging into your lane |
| ___ | ___ | Staring or glaring or making facial expressions at another driver to show your disapproval or disgust with another driver |
| ___ | ___ | Speeding past another car or gunning your engine as you go by to let someone know you are angry with them |
| ___ | ___ | Speeding up to try to stop another driver from passing you |
| ___ | ___ | Decreasing your speed in the fast lane to try to slow or upset another driver who is directly behind you |
| ___ | ___ | Flashing your bright lights at someone (or keeping them on) to show your disapproval of that person or their driving behavior |
| ___ | ___ | Tailgating to try to make a driver in front of you go faster or get out of your way |
| ___ | ___ | Using or pumping your brakes to try to force others behind you to slow down or to startle or scare them |
| ___ | ___ | Weaving in and out of traffic to get to your destination as fast as possible |
| ___ | ___ | Imagining or wishing that another driver would have an accident |
| ___ | ___ | Imagining or wishing that another driver would be hurt in a car accident |
| ___ | ___ | Imagining or wishing that another driver would get killed in a car accident |
| ___ | ___ | Imagining or wishing that you could be violent with another driver |
| ___ | ___ | Honking at someone because they did something that you didn't like |
| ___ | ___ | Yelling, swearing, or cursing at someone to show your displeasure with them |
| ___ | ___ | Making a visible obscene gesture at another driver (e.g. “flipping someone off”) |

Past Present

- ___ ___ Throwing something out your window at another car to show your disapproval of their behavior
What did you throw?: _____
- ___ ___ Using your car to scare or intimidate someone by making abrupt or threatening maneuvers (e.g. moving toward or into another car’s space, following very close to the car in front of you)
- ___ ___ Chasing or following another car because of something they have done
- ___ ___ Pointing to the side of the roadway to try to get someone to pull over to “talk” about what you think they have done wrong
- ___ ___ Pulling to the side of the road or following someone to a place they are going and getting into a “yelling match” with that person
- ___ ___ Carrying an object or weapon in your car because you might need to use it to “defend” yourself “just in case something bad happens” (baseball bat, golf club, hammer, screwdriver, crowbar, knife, gun)
- ___ ___ Holding up or showing an object or weapon to another driver to try to intimidate them
- ___ ___ Deliberately bumping into or ramming another car
- ___ ___ Trying to run another car off the road
What happened and did you succeed in doing this?: _____

- ___ ___ Stopping your car, getting out, and getting into a “pushing match” or a physical altercation with another person as a result of something that has happened on the roadway
- ___ ___ Getting out of your car and using an object or weapon on another driver
- ___ ___ Driving at someone or trying to run someone down (e.g. a driver who has gotten out of his car, a biker, or a pedestrian) who has angered you
- ___ ___ Shooting at another car
- ___ ___ Injuring someone as a result of an angry incident on the roadway
- ___ ___ Killing someone who has angered you while you were driving
- ___ ___ Other: _____

