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**AGGRESSIVE DRIVING LEADS TO CRASHES AND ROAD RAGE**

Seventy-eight percent of U.S. drivers displayed aggressive behavior behind the wheel at least once in 2014, according to a new report from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

Researchers surveyed 2,705 licensed drivers ages 16 and older who had driven at least once in the previous 30 days. The top aggressive driving behaviors reported were tailgating (50.8 percent), yelling at another driver (46.6 percent) and honking to show annoyance or anger (44.5 percent), the report states.

How to avoid aggressive driving behaviors:

- Plan ahead and allow enough time for delays.
- Give your driving your full attention.
- Don't take your frustration out on other drivers.
- Driving is not a contest. It is not about winning.
- Realize that you cannot control the drivers around you – you can control only the way you react to them.



Other findings included:

- 32.5 percent of drivers made an angry gesture at another driver.
- 24.1 percent tried to stop another driver from changing lanes.
- 11.9 percent cut off another driver.
- 3.7 percent left their vehicle to challenge another driver.
- 2.8 percent bumped or rammed another vehicle.



The researchers noted that aggressive behaviors may be underreported because the actions are perceived to have negative social connotations.

"Given that previous research has found that many fatal crashes likely involve aggressive driving, and a large majority of the motoring public admits to at least some driving behaviors that may be considered aggressive, interventions are necessary to decrease the prevalence of aggressive driving and related crashes," researchers wrote.

What are some of the signs of Road Rage?

- Driver uses unique sign language to motorists and pedestrians.
- Driver will try to pass your vehicle at any place he or she sees fit.
- Driver tailgates the vehicle in front of him/her.
- Driver flashes lights and/or uses horn to the extreme and it does not serve the purpose of making sure they see you.
- Driver uses choice words if you establish eye contact with him/her.
- Remember, the trucking industry also has its very own Road Rage Cowboys. Avoid Road Rage! Get out of their way! If you find yourself practicing Road Rage, change your line of work.

***The ATAWCF Staff Continues to Grow!!!!!!***

It is with great pleasure that we announce that **Abby Greer** has joined our team effective today. Abby will wear many hats and will be multi-faceted for the Fund by working with Kim Campbell and Don Boatright in Underwriting and Marketing. Abby comes to the ATA Workers' Compensation Fund with over ten years of experience in the insurance industry. She began her career in 2001 with Palomar Insurance Corporation, an independent insurance agency located in Montgomery. Abby has worked on the agency side of the industry in various capacities, including Special Risk, Employee Benefits and, most recently, specialty program management. Abby is a 2007 cum laude graduate of Auburn University Montgomery with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing.

Recently married, Abby and her husband enjoy family trips to the beach, SEC football, Braves baseball, and spending their nights and weekends at their son's little league sporting events.

Please welcome Abby as she starts a new journey in insurance with the ATA Fund.

