

# Protect



# Yourself!

## From "Road Rage"

According to the American Automobile Association, incidents of aggressive driving resulting in highway violence are growing at an alarming rate. AAA reported in a five year period (1990-95), 10,037 violent clashes led to 218 deaths and 12,610 injuries on our nation's highways.

### Characteristic Aggressive Driving Behavior

- Following too close
- Passing on the berm
- Cutting in and out of traffic
- Speeding beyond the flow of traffic
- Failure to signal multiple lane changes
- Merging into on ramp through safety zone
- Failure to yield, ramps/intersections
- Railroad crossing violations
- Passing a stopped school bus
- Displaying or using a weapon

### Strategies to minimize potential danger

- Don't react to provocation
- Stay away from erratic drivers
- Call for help (1-800 GRAB DUI or cellular \*DUI)
- Avoid eye contact with an aggressive driver
- Use your horn sparingly
- Do not make obscene gestures
- Don't switch lanes without signaling
- Do not tailgate
- Don't 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, allow plenty of time for your trip

***If you have been the victim of a highway-related crime, immediately contact the closest law enforcement agency or the State Highway Patrol.***



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