

DON'T ENGAGE IN ROAD RAGE

Honking, tailgating, headlight flashing, obscene gestures, deliberately obstructing other vehicles and verbal abuse – what's that all about? That's road rage. Uncontrolled anger on the road can result in crashes, deliberate hit and runs, shots fired and even death.

Keep your cool. Keep Oklahoma roads safe. No matter how offensive another driver may be, you have a responsibility to stay calm. Your safety and the safety of your passengers and other travelers depends on you. Remember, **DON'T GIVE IN TO YOUR FRUSTRATION. REMOVE YOURSELF FROM THE SITUATION.**

WHEN CONFRONTED WITH AN UNSAFE DRIVER:

- » **Don't retaliate.** At least 1,500 people are seriously injured or killed each year in the U.S. as a result of road rage. Obscene gestures have resulted in shootings, stabbings and beatings in all 50 states. If you retaliate, you are taking a serious risk – and are guilty of road rage too.
- » **Don't become emotional.** You don't know if aggressive motorists may be armed, have a mental or medical illness or are impaired by drugs or alcohol. You can't control them, but you can control your reaction.
- » **Don't follow them.**
- » **Back off.** Don't attempt to get a license plate number.
- » **Don't speed** – slow down.
- » **Move to the far right lane.**
- » **Let them go around you.**
- » **Remove yourself from the situation.** Exit the Interstate and go to a public place.
- » **Take a break.** Wait 15 to 20 minutes before getting back on the road.

RULES OF THE ROAD TRIP

TRAVEL TIPS

KNOW YOUR LOCATION. When calling for help, you must be able to tell responding officers where you are, so watch for the green mile-marker signs on the right side of the road. For emergency help, dial 911 or *55.

BE MINDFUL OF YOUR GAS GAUGE. Fill up before your tank gets low so you don't become stranded.

CARRY DRINKING WATER IN YOUR VEHICLE. If you break down, you will need drinking water. This is especially important in warm weather.

KEEP YOUR VEHICLE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER. Check your vehicle's tire pressure and fluids.

ALWAYS CARRY A SPARE TIRE AND A JACK.

ALWAYS CARRY A FLASHLIGHT to wave in case of emergency at night.

KEEP AN EMERGENCY KIT IN YOUR VEHICLE including your medications, a blanket, gloves, snacks, a first aid kit, and any other emergency supplies you might need.

CARRY A MAP IN YOUR VEHICLE.

WHEN TRAVELING IN A CONVOY, HAVE A TRAVEL PLAN. If you were to become separated on the highway, where would you meet and who would you call?

KEEP YOUR CELL PHONE CHARGED.



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