

# Dealing With Road Rage

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Most riders have experienced some form of aggressive, rude, distracted, or just plain incompetent driver on the road. Even when you do, control yourself, there's no point in road rage. Motorcyclists are much more vulnerable in road rage situations, which means a lot of times the motorcycle rider will come out second-best.

Should you find yourself feeling uncomfortable and/or unsafe because of someone's actions, try to remove yourself from the situation as soon and as safely as possible. Don't exacerbate the situation

by retaliating. What if somebody yells at you, flashes their lights, honks their horn, or even flips you the bird, so what? Just let them get it out of their system and be on their way. Reacting to these actions rarely helps and more often than not just makes things more unsafe for everyone.

If someone continues to act like an ass and you feel unsafe, consider pulling into an area with other people around. While not always, most times this will help discourage the aggressor. If there isn't any public places with people around, continue riding until you find one with-

out reacting to the aggressor.

You should avoid making eye contact and try to disengage from the situation as best and safely as you can. If you feel you are in imminent danger, pull over and call 911. Remember 911 on a cellphone doesn't always go to the nearest emergency dispatcher. Be prepared to provide a clear address, landmark, or approximate locale where you are. If you call 911, also try to provide a description of the vehicle and a plate number if possible.

In closing, keep in mind how many people carry weapons now a days!

