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## Tailgating and bad indicating driving motorists mad

Following the car in front too closely has been voted one of the most annoying on-road behaviours, in RACQ's latest 'What drives you crazy' survey.

RACQ spokesperson Clare Hunter said the survey found 91.5 percent of Queensland drivers had suffered the maddening experience of having another vehicle tailgate them.

"Time and time again tailgating ranks as the number one most annoying habit and it's a major problem because it puts unnecessary pressure on inexperienced drivers and leads to mistakes that cause crashes," Ms Hunter said.

"This year tailgating tied for the number one spot on our list with incorrect indicating or failing to indicate at all.

"Indicating incorrectly not only impacts those drivers around you, it's a dangerous rule to ignore and could result in a bingle."

Ms Hunter said respondents also highlighted other irritating habits including mobile phone use and littering.

"Motorists using their mobile phones is one of the biggest growing problems on our roads. Distraction is one of the Fatal Five, and we implore motorists to take this seriously," she said.

"Drivers who speed up when they're being overtaken and those who litter also ruffle feathers. More than 90 percent of those surveyed say these habits drive them crazy."

Ms Hunter reminded drivers to take the time to brush up on the road rules.

"If we all behave a little better on the roads and follow the rules, it'll not only make the commute less stressful, but will mean our roads are a lot safer."

### Proportion of Queensland drivers frustrated by these behaviours:

- Tailgating – 91.5 percent
- Incorrect indicating or failure to do so - 91.5 percent
- Texting or using hand held mobile phones – 91.4 percent
- Increasing speed when being overtaken – 90.6 percent
- Littering – 90.1 percent.

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