

# Crash Factors

*PennDOT relies heavily upon law enforcement's accurate, thorough and timely crash reporting in order to make critical highway safety decisions.*

*Properly reporting crashes helps PennDOT identify roadways in the greatest need of enforcement funding and, when necessary, engineering roadway enhancements. It is important to record every contributing factor in a crash.*

*As an example:*

*According to PennDOT, two or more contributing crash factors are now needed for a crash to be considered Aggressive Driving related.*

*Timeliness of crash report submissions is as equally important. If you are still using paper reporting, please visit us for information about making the switch to electronic reporting. You will find e-filing eases the burden of crash records and improves accuracy.*

## **Crash Cause Checklist**

*... report all contributing factors*

- ✓ Making Illegal U-turns
- ✓ Turning from wrong lane
- ✓ Running Stop Sign
- ✓ Failure to respond to Traffic Control Devices
- ✓ Improper/careless turning
- ✓ Proceeding w/o clearance after stop
- ✓ Running Red Light
- ✓ Tailgating
- ✓ Careless passing or lane change
- ✓ Making improper entrance to highway
- ✓ Making improper exit from highway
- ✓ Driver fleeing police
- ✓ Sudden slowing/stopping
- ✓ Passing in No Passing Zone
- ✓ Speeding
- ✓ Driving too Fast for Conditions

*Two or more factors must be listed for a crash to be considered Aggressive Driving.*

