

Accessible Parking in Denver: FAQs

Denver Right-of-Way Enforcement/ Accessible Parking Program is informing the community about Denver's Disability Parking Ordinance Sec.54-485. Parking for persons with mobility impairment. While parking illegally in designated accessible parking spaces might not rate as the most serious of offenses, violators who can walk a few extra feet to enter an establishment are often obstructing access for those who cannot. Good citizenship requires everyone do their part to ensure that the rights of those with mobility impairments are respected and protected.

Q: Who can park in an accessible parking space?

A: Those with a valid disability license plate or placard. Without either, you CANNOT park in a designated accessible parking space.54-485(h)



A valid placard must be prominently displayed for persons with disabilities to park in designated accessible parking spaces. Get an application for a disability placard or plate at www.colorado.gov/revenue or your County Motor Vehicle Office.

A: Those with a disabled Veteran's Handicap Plate.

A disabled veteran license plate alone DOES NOT permit a disabled veteran to park his/her vehicle, or a vehicle in which



they are a passenger, in designated accessible parking spaces. A veteran with a mobility disability must display either a disability placard or a disabled veteran handicap plate must be obtained to park in designated disability parking spaces.C.R.S. 42-3-104(5)

Q: How do I use my placard/plates?

A: Disability placards/plates are only to be used by the person whom they are issued 54-485(g)

The privilege does not extend to a qualified person who may be in a vehicle but not entering or exiting at a particular location. The placard may be used in any vehicle where the owner is a passenger or driver.

A: A valid disability placard must be visible 54-485(c)

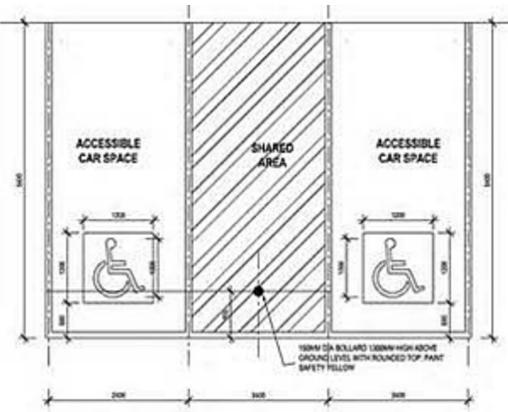
The placard must be clearly visible by hanging from the rear view mirror or on the dashboard Both the identifying placard and the identification number shall be clearly visible when viewed from the outside of the vehicle through the vehicle windshield. It must be removed before driving the vehicle.

When displaying the placard, you must carry the placard registration receipt.

REMINDER: All violators cited under Denver Ordinance 54-485: Parking for Person with Mobility Impairment will be issued a parking citation with a fine of \$150.00

Q: Where can I park with my disability placard/plates?

A: NOT in Accessible Access Aisles



NO VEHICLES may park in the access aisles (striped areas) of a designated accessible parking

space. This is regardless of whether you are displaying a valid disability placard or disability license plate unless such person is loading or unloading a person with a disability.

A: Parking meters

A person with a valid disability placard or plate may park where there is metered parking **without paying, for up to 4 hours or the amount of time on the meter whichever is greater.** The vehicle must be moved 100 feet from the parking meter space (54-420) after the 4 hours. Meters cannot be fed. 54-485 (b)

Q: Can I lose my parking privileges?

A: The privileges granted to Colorado disability plate and placard holders will expire immediately if the placard holder moves to another state, become deceased, or is no longer disabled.

Also, Any law enforcement officer or authorized parking enforcement official may check ID to ensure the authorized user is a passenger or driver of the vehicle. Infractions may result in suspension of the plate/placard, community service, and fines up to \$5000.

A: Van Accessible Spaces

Both vans & other vehicles displaying a valid disability parking placard or plate, may park in spaces designated as **VAN ACCESSIBLE.**



A: Non-metered, on-street parking spaces

You may park in Denver City signed time limit zones for up to 4 hours when parking is allowed, even if the sign time limit is less than 4hrs. The vehicle must then be moved 100 feet. 54-485(c) Parking privileges DO NOT apply to areas where 54-485(e):

- parking of all vehicles is prohibited;
- only special vehicles may be parked;
- parking is not allowed during specific periods of the day to allow for heavy traffic;
- Street sweeping restrictions are in effect
- A vehicle is parked exceeding seventy-two (72) hours as prohibited by sec 54-465

Q: What do I do if my placard is lost or stolen?

A: you are required to report it to local law enforcement and your County Motor Vehicle Office immediately using form number DR 2283 Lost or Stolen License Plates/Permits Affidavit. (Denver DMV 4685 Peoria St., Suite 101 Denver 80239 p: 720 865-4600)

Volunteer with the Accessible Parking Program

Denver Right-of-Way Enforcement/Accessible Parking Program invites you to participate in our enforcement program. We are currently accepting applications to help educate the community and enforce violations of accessible parking regulations. Applications can be found at www.ParkSmartDenver.com. Come and help make the City of Denver accessible to those persons with mobility impairments. **Interpreter or CART provided upon request.**



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