City and County of Denver
Department of Transportation & Infrastructure
Accessible Parking Sign Program
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Inquiries: call 3-1-1 (outside Denver 720-913-1311)
Application Status: 720-865-3310
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Accessible Parking in Denver:
Frequently Asked Questions

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Disability Parking Ordinance Sec. 54-485 supports accessible parking for persons with disabilities.

If you witness someone parking in a signed accessible parking space without a placard or plate, you may call 3-1-1 or 720-913-1600 Right-of-Way Dispatch to enforce.

Denver residents who possess a valid permanent Colorado State Disabled Parking Placard or Plate may request installation of a signed accessible parking space adjacent to their residence, subject to certain conditions. See Accessible Parking Sign Standards and Accessible Parking Sign Application Guide for details at DenverGov.org/parking or call 3-1-1 (outside Denver 720-913-1311).

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. Any person who can demonstrate being 50% or more Permanent Service-Connected Disabled may park in designated disability parking spaces if they display either a disability placard or a Disabled Veteran Handicapped plate. C.R.S. 42-3-104(5), 42-3-213, 42-3-204, 42-3-304(3)(a).

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.

REMINDER: All violators of Parking for Persons with Mobility Impairment cited under Denver Ordinance 54-485: will be issued a parking citation with a fine of up to $1,000.00.

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.

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

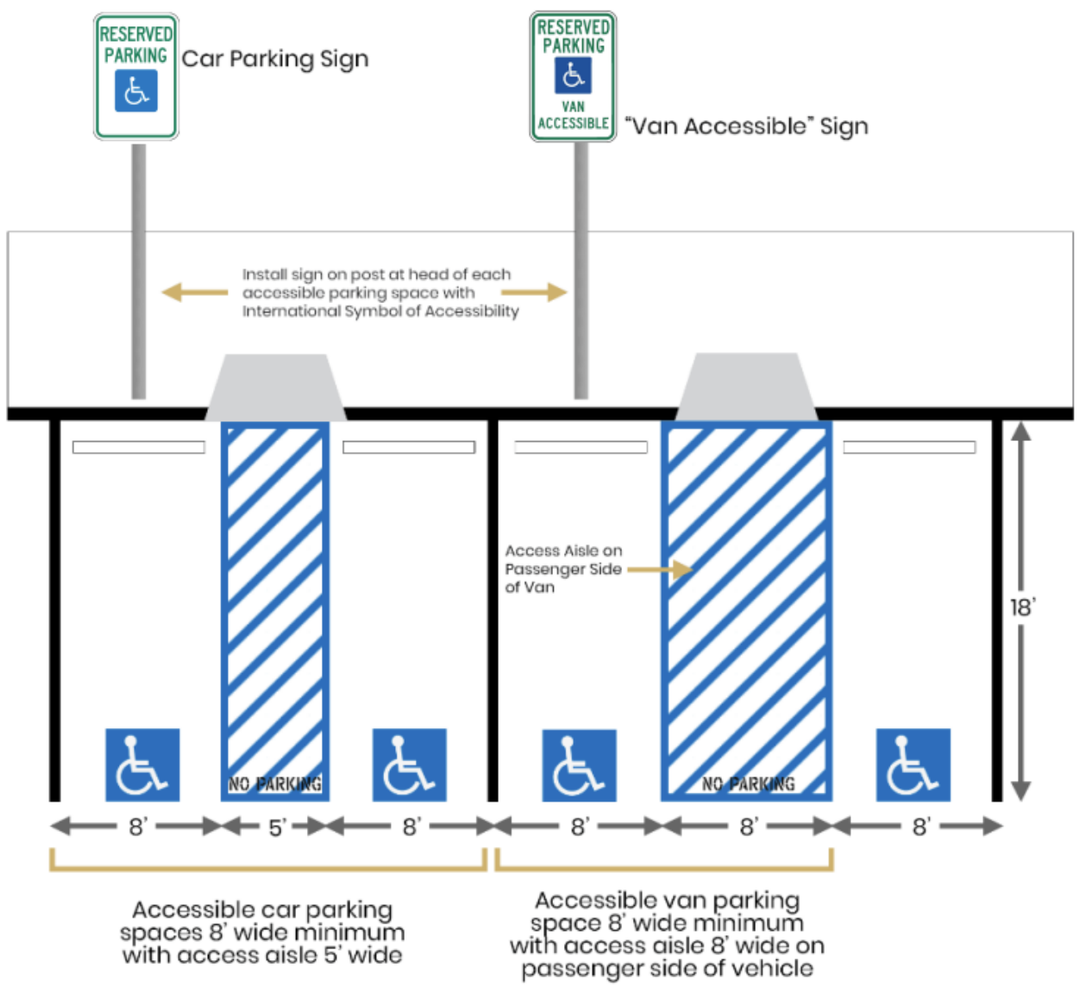
A: Parking meter / paid parking space on-street

A person with a valid disability placard or plate may park where there is paid/metered parking **without payment, for up to four hours or the amount of time on the meter whichever is greater.** The vehicle must be moved 100 feet from the parking space (54-420) after the four hours,

A: Non-paid, on-street parking spaces

You may park in Denver City signed time limit zones for up to four hours when parking is allowed, even if the sign time limit is less than four hours. 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



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: Van Accessible Spaces

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

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,

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 $5,000. Reference: 23 CFR 1235, 42-3-204, C.R.S. 42-3-213(5), C.R.S. 42-4-1208.

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 2855 Tremont Street, Denver, CO 80205 p: 720-865-4600)