

Alberta



Parking Placards for Persons with Disabilities

Information for Enforcement Authorities

Municipal bylaw and police officers can enforce local bylaws on parking placards for persons with disabilities.

The following provides information on enforcement procedures to assist you in enforcing the parking placards policy. You should refer to your municipal bylaw to determine what responsibilities you have locally.

Your efforts to ensure effective enforcement of designated parking stalls will contribute to the success of the policy.

- Only the placard holder is entitled to use the placard.
- A placard holder does not need to own the vehicle or be the driver to use his or her placard.
- When the vehicle has been parked in a designated stall, the placard must be hung from the vehicle's rear-view mirror with the registration number and expiry date visible from outside the vehicle.
- A visitor to Alberta with disabilities may use his or her placard from their home jurisdiction, provided it is valid.
- Municipalities have the authority to enforce designated parking stalls on both public and private property. In most municipal bylaws, enforcement takes place only where designated parking stalls on public property are clearly signed.

- When enforcing municipal parking bylaws, an enforcement officer may note that the bottom portion of the placard contains an alpha numeric descriptor. This descriptor must match the alpha numeric descriptor contained on the holder's placard certificate.
- Private property owners/managers are encouraged to give permission to authorities to enforce local placard bylaws on their properties.
- The following situations are examples of placard abuse:
 - For individual placard holders, the persons to whom the placard is issued must leave the vehicle when it is parked in a designated stall. If they remain waiting in their vehicles while allowing a family member or friend to run an errand, they are abusing their placard privileges.
 - For an organization, the placard can only be used for providing service to an individual who meets the criteria of not being able to walk 50 metres. The individual must leave the organization's vehicle while it is parked in a designated parking stall.
- Placards that have been altered, defaced, duplicated or otherwise tampered with and/or have expired are invalid.
- Placards seized or found must be returned to a registry agent office.

For more Information:

- Please visit Service Alberta's website at www.servicealberta.ca or call Service Alberta's Contact Centre at (780) 427-7013. If you are outside the Edmonton calling area, call toll-free, 310-0000.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring Albertans with the greatest needs have access to designated parking.

