

Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities Law Enforcement Guide

Gender of placard holder. If box is hole-punched, the holder is male. If box is solid, the holder is female.

Gold foil hologram image with wording original and genuine.



Identification number

Expires the last day of the month punched of the current year.

TEMPORARY Placards are valid for up to 6 months if issued by the Secretary of State, or up to 90 days if issued by a municipality.

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Expires April 30, 2018.

ORGANIZATION Placards are issued to nonprofit organizations that transport persons with disabilities.

- Meter-Exempt Placards (yellow-and-gray striped) allow authorized holders to park in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities and **EXEMPT** holders from parking meter fees and time limitations, **EXCEPT** at meters or signs with time limitations of 30 minutes or less. All vehicles, **including those with Persons with Disabilities or Disabled Veteran plates**, **MUST** also display the Meter-Exempt Placard to qualify.
- The following disability placards/plates **DO NOT EXEMPT** authorized holders from parking meter fees and time limitations: Permanent Placards (blue); Temporary Placards (red); Organization Placards (green); and Persons with Disabilities and Disabled Veteran plates (**UNLESS** the yellow-and-gray striped Meter-Exempt Placard also is displayed).
- Placards must be displayed in clear view, hanging from the rearview mirror or on the dashboard. Disability plates/placards do not allow authorized holders to park in restricted parking areas.
- Police have clear authority to enforce the provisions of the Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities on private property such as at a mall, grocery or retail store.
- A vehicle parked in a space reserved for persons with disabilities without properly displaying disability plates or a parking placard are subject to a minimum \$250 fine [625 ILCS 5/11-1301.3]. It is unlawful to display a parking placard on the rearview mirror while the vehicle is in motion. The driver may be ticketed for this offense [625 ILCS 5/12-503(c)].
- Upon request of a police officer, a parking program user must present photo identification to verify that he or she is the authorized holder of the disability plates or placard. (Questioning the nature or validity of the user's disability is not a law enforcement function; not all disabilities are apparent.)
- Parking Placards **ARE NOT** transferable. The authorized holder of disability plates or a placard must be present and must

enter or exit the vehicle at the time parking privileges are being used. Violators are subject to a \$600 fine, a driver's license suspension and suspension/revocation of the disability plates or placard [625 ILCS 5/11-1301.3 (a-1)].

- Parking is **not** allowed in an access aisle of an accessible parking space. Police may ticket any vehicle parked in the access aisle, whether or not it is displaying disability plates or a placard [625 ILCS 5/11-1301.3].
- The following are Class A misdemeanors for a first offense [625 ILCS 5/11-1301.5 and 1301.6] and may result in a fine of up to \$2,500 and a one-year driver's license suspension. Violators may be charged with a Class 4 felony for a second offense involving:
 - Using a deceased person's disability plates or parking placard.
 - Altering a placard.
 - Possessing a fake, fraudulent, lost or stolen placard.
 - Duplicating or manufacturing a placard.
 - Selling or otherwise distributing a fraudulent placard.

- All disability plates and placard information may be accessed through LEADS. Police may confiscate any placard if it is being used illegally [625 ILCS 5/11-1301.3]. Follow these procedures for reporting confiscated placards:
 - Report immediately all confiscated placards to the Secretary of State Persons with Disabilities License Plates/Placard Unit at 217-524-7884.
 - Return all confiscated placards with a copy of the citation and case summary to the above unit at 501 S. Second St., Rm. 541, Springfield, IL 62756.

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Digits punched indicate last two digits of holder's birth year.

Placard expires in 2018 of the month punched.

METER-EXEMPT PERMANENT Placards are issued to persons with a permanent disability and exempt the from holder parking meter fees and time limitations.

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Placard expires in 2018 of the month punched.

PERMANENT Placards are issued to persons with a permanent disability and ARE NOT eligible for meter-exempt parking.