SAVE the SPACE

Information about Disabled Person Parking Placards and Plates

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What are typical abuses?

- Drivers parking in a blue zone without a disabled placard or plate.
- Access area used for loading and unloading passengers.
- Individuals using disabled placards issued to family or friends to avoid parking fees and obtain convenient or unrestricted parking.

Can a person with a disability allow a friend or relative to use their placard or plate to transport them?

Yes, as long as the person to whom the placard or plate is issued is riding in the vehicle.

Who qualifies to receive a disabled person parking placard or license plates?

A person may qualify for a disabled placard or license plates if they have impaired mobility due to a variety of physical ailments.

A person may also qualify if they have specific, documented visual problems, including lower-vision or partial-sightedness.

Specific qualifications can be found on the DMV website at ***www.dmv.ca.gov***.

Is a doctor's certification required to apply for disabled person parking placard or license plate?

Yes. A licensed physician, surgeon, chiropractor, optometrist, must certify, in writing, as to their knowledge of the disease and/or disability.

How does law enforcement know if someone might be misusing a Disabled Person Parking Placard?

Law enforcement will verify a disabled placard by comparing its assigned number with its accompanying registration card, and a person's driver license or identification card.

How can I report suspected abuse?

If you suspect someone may be fraudulently using a disabled person parking placard, contact your nearest DMV Investigations office, email the DMV at ***placard.misuse@dmv.ca.gov*** or complete the online reporting form available at ***www.dmv.ca.gov***.

If possible, provide the placard's issuance number, make and model of the vehicle, its license plate number, and the location where the suspected abuse is occurring.

For more information about disabled person parking placards, visit ***www.dmv.ca.gov***.

Fraudulent Use of a DISABLED PERSON PARKING PLACARD is Against the Law

Offenders face:

- Misdemeanor Citation
- Court Appearance
- Fines
- Notation on Driver Record

A Disabled Person Parking Placard or license plate is issued to individuals who meet specific medical criteria and submit an application to the DMV with a doctor's certification of a disability.

NOT EVERY DISABILITY IS VISIBLE
and allegations of misuse may be unfounded.

The DMV Investigations Division protects the programs and interests of the department and public through active fraud and counterfeit detection, investigation, audit and enforcement services.

The Investigations Division diligently enforces laws, rules, and regulations that apply to new and used vehicle dealers, brokers, dismantlers, registration services, vehicle verifiers, driving schools or traffic violator schools and other vehicle related businesses.

It is **ILLEGAL** to:

- Lend your placard to someone else.
- Forge a medical professional's signature.
- Use someone else's placard.
- Possess or display a counterfeit placard or license plates.
- Provide false information to obtain a placard or license plates.
- Alter a placard or placard registration card.

CA Vehicle Code Section 4461 (b) (c) prohibits a person to whom a disabled person placard has been issued to lend their placard to another person, knowingly permit the use of their placard or allow anyone else to use it while they are not present.

In addition, a person shall not display a disabled person placard that was not issued to him or her or that has been canceled or revoked.

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