

Accessibility Matters: Disability Parking Placards

Tips to remember:

Do not drive with the parking placard hanging on the rear view mirror. This is an offence because it blocks the drivers vision and the driver can be issued a ticket.



Facts:

Using a Parking Placard entitles the owner of the Placard to park in an accessible designated spot. People issued a placard do have a mobility impairment who need a space closer to the business they need to access. The simple is international.

In order to obtain a placard, an application must be filled out by a medical professional indicating the person does have a temporary or permanent mobility impairment. The medical professional believes that this impairment poses a risk to his/her health, if the person walks more than 100 meters.

If the person is going to need this placard temporarily, this means they will no longer need it after one year or less. If the person does, they will have to get a new application completed.

If the person is going to need the placard permanently, this means they will need the permit longer. Each placard is only good for three years and must be renewed every three years if still needed, but the person DOES NOT need a new application filled out.

There are numerous reasons for a parking placard to be issued and does not always mean that a person necessarily needs a mobility aid like a cane, walker or wheelchair at all times. There are mobility impairments that are not visible to the naked eye, hence why a trained medical professional determines if the person needs a placard.

Please inform the organization where the placard was received, if you move.

- If you see a person parked in a designated accessible spot without a disability parking placard, please report this to the business who owns the parking spot, or to the city if it is a metered parking spot or in town.
- If you see an ILV placard being misused call 250-545-9292 to report the offence.
- If you are being harassed because someone does not think you need the parking placard, just remember how it was issued because a medical professional believes it is needed to keep your independence. If this includes physical harassment, report this to the police or call 9-1-1.
- The placard is issued to the person and not the vehicle, so the placard can be used in whatever vehicle the person is getting in/out of.
- Once the person issued the permit is deceased, the placard can no longer be used. It cannot be used by another family member or friend, they must apply for a separate one if needed.

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Organization	Contact Information	Cost of Permit
Independent Living Vernon www.ilvernon.ca/index.php/what-we-do/designated-parking-placards	Ph: 250-545-9292 Toll Free: 1-877-288-1088 Text only: 778-212-1088 Fax: 250-545-9226 e-mail: permits@ilvernon.ca #107, 3402-27th Ave. Vernon, BC V1T 1S1	P/T: \$22.00 Organization: \$22 per year Lost or stolen: \$22
City of Kelowna www.kelowna.ca/roads-transportation/parking/parking-permits	Ph: 250-469-8757 Fax: 250-862-3391 e-mail: revenue@kelowna.ca 1435 Water Street Kelowna, BC V1Y 1J4	P/T: \$20 Organization: \$20
Cowichan Valley http://cviirc.bc.ca/	Ph: 250-746-3930 e-mail: cviirc@cviirc.bc.ca 531 Canada Ave. Duncan, BC V9L 1T8	P: \$23.00 (3 years) T: \$18.00 (1 year) Organizational: \$25 per year
Kamloops, People in Motion www.peopleinmotion.org	Ph: 250-376-7878 e-mail: information@peopleinmotion.org 182 B Tranquille Rd, Kamloops, BC V2B 3G1	P: \$40.00 (3 years) T: \$25.00 (1 year) Lost or stolen: \$25
Nanaimo www.ndrc.info/parking-permit/	Ph: 250-758-5547 e-mail: parking@ndrc.info 4166 Departure Bay Rd #2, Nanaimo, BC V9T 4B7	P/T: \$25 \$27.00 if by mail, fax, e-mail
Sparc BC www.sparc.bc.ca/parking-permits/	Ph: 604-718-7744 e-mail: permits@sparc.bc.ca 4445 Norfolk St, Burnaby, BC V5G 4G3	\$26.00 (allow 2 to 3 weeks for processing)
Victoria, Ph: 250-595-0044 Sidney, Ph: 250-656-5537 Langford, Ph: 250-478-5373 Port Alberni, Ph: 250-724-7199	Victoria Disability Resource Centre, https://drcvictoria.com/services/parking-permits/ n.dickie@drcvictoria.com 817A Fort Street Victoria, BC V8W 1H6	P/T: \$25.00 in office Organization: \$25 per year \$27.00 by mail, fax, e-mail

