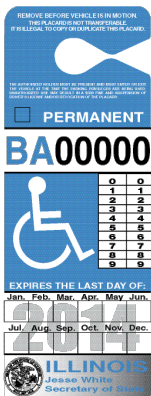


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## Law Enforcement Quick Reference Guide to the Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities

The Secretary of State issues three types of parking placards:

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



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Month punched corresponds with birth month of holder. →

← Identification number

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

← Placard expires in 2014 of the month punched.

**Permanent Placards are issued to persons with a permanent disability.**

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



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← 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 90 days if issued by a municipality.**

Identification number →

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← Expires April 30, 2014.

**Organization Placards are issued to non-profit organizations that transport persons with disabilities.**

- Police have clear authority to enforce the provisions of the Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities on private property, such as at a mall or grocery store.
- Vehicles parked in a space reserved for persons with disabilities without displaying disability license plates or a parking placard may be fined a minimum of \$250 (625 ILCS 5/11-1301.3).
- Upon request of a police officer, a parking program user must present photo identification to verify he or she is the authorized holder of the disability plates or parking placard. (Questioning the nature or validity of the user's disability is not a law enforcement function; not all disabilities are apparent.)
- Vehicles properly displaying disability plates or a parking placard may park in areas reserved for persons with disabilities and are exempt from parking meter fees or time limitations on parking, **except at meters, signs or other markings with time limitations of 30 minutes or less**. The placard must be displayed in clear view hanging from the rearview mirror or on the dashboard of the vehicle. Disability plates and placards do not allow authorized holders to park in restricted parking areas.
- 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 the parking privileges are being used. Violators face a \$500 fine, driver's license suspension and suspension/revocation of the plates or placard. (625 ILCS 5/11-1301.3 (a-1)).
- Parking is **not** allowed in an access aisle of a 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 suspension of the violator's driver's license. Violators may be charged with a Class 4 felony for a second offense involving:
  - Altering a placard.
  - Possessing a fake or fraudulent placard.
  - Possessing a 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 217-782-2284 or 708-210-2843.
  - 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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