

The purpose of this pamphlet is to promote the awareness of the current State of Florida parking restrictions and Florida State Statutes (F.S.S.) pertaining to the use of the disabled parking placard. It is not intended to be a statement of all existing laws. Please refer to the Florida State Statutes for all laws and for the exact language used therein.

**WHO CAN BE ISSUED A
DISABLED PARKING PERMIT?**

**F.S.S. 320.0848 (1)(b)(1)
MOBILITY IMPAIRMENTS
APPROVED FOR PERMITS**

- Certified as blind OR
- Unable to walk 200 feet without stopping to rest due to any of the following:
 - Inability to walk without the use of or assistance from a brace, cane, crutch, prosthetic device, or other assistive device or without the assistance of another person
 - The need to permanently use a wheelchair
 - Use of portable oxygen
 - Restriction by cardiac condition to the extent of Class III or Class IV
 - Severe limitation in a persons ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition

**WHO CAN AUTHORIZE A
DISABLED PARKING PERMIT?**

F.S.S. 320.0848 (1)(b)(2)

- Physicians
- Optometrists
- Podiatric Physicians
- Out of state physician with a copy of his license attached to the application, as well as signs a form verifying his/her knowledge of Florida’s eligibility guidelines

REMEMBER

Do not park in the striped access aisles next to the spaces reserved for people with disabilities, even if you have a disabled permit or plate. Access aisles are reserved for the exclusive use of persons who require extra space to deploy a mobility device, a lift, or a ramp. Additionally, the striped access isles are used for a safe path of travel.

NEVER park in a space reserved for people with disabilities UNLESS you have a disabled parking permit or a disabled license plate.

It’s the courteous thing to do – and it’s the law.

DID YOU KNOW?
The blue or white pavement markings are ACCESS LANES, which are adjacent to handicap parking spaces. NO ONE is permitted to park on any portion of the blue or white diagonal lines, even if the vehicle displays a disabled placard. A vehicle occupying any portion of the access lane will be cited for violation of a disabled parking space.



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**Parking Here for
“Just a Minute...”**



**...is 60 Seconds
Too Long!**

PENALTY
FINES UP TO \$336.50
TOW-AWAY ZONE

DISPLAY REQUIREMENTS

DISABLED PLACARDS shall always be displayed on the rear view mirror of any vehicle used to transport persons with disabilities while parked in a clearly designated disabled parking space. The placard permit number must be visible from the front window of the vehicle at all times while the vehicle is parked.

If the placard should become faded, illegible, cracked or broken, or you are unable to hang it properly, replacement is required.

Persons with disabilities must have a valid Florida driver's license or Florida identification card and a placard registration in their possession when permit is in use.

OUT OF STATE / COUNTRY VISITORS

Persons who visit Florida, and have an out of state or out of country disabled parking permit, are allowed to use the permit in the State of Florida, so long as the permit is valid in the state or country in which it was issued.

A Florida permit is necessary when the visitor becomes a Florida resident. A Florida resident either has a Florida drivers license, Florida ID Card or registers a vehicle in the State of Florida.

F.S.S. 316.1955 (1)(d) -

Inspection by Officer of Permit and Driver's License or Identification Card

"A[ny] law enforcement officer or parking enforcement specialist has the right to demand to be shown [a] person's disabled parking permit and drivers license or state identification card when investigating the possibility of the violation of [F.S.S. 316.1955]

TEMPORARY PERMITS

- White with red printing OR red with white printing.
- Valid for up to one year.

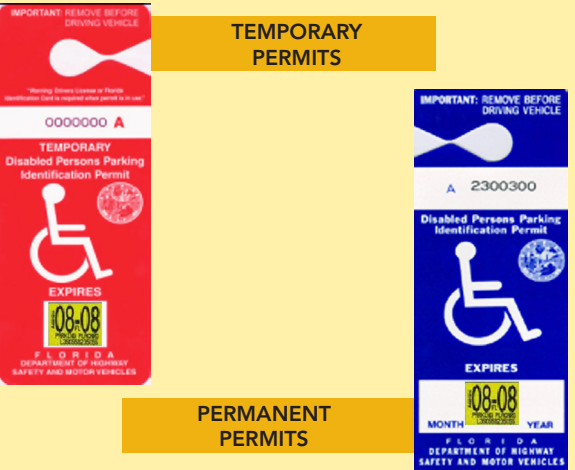
PERMANENT PERMITS

Blue in color with white printing.

Has expiration month / year at the bottom.

Has identification sticker in center with permit owner's driver's license or identification card number listed as well as permit number.

Must be renewed every 4 years.



F.S.S. 316.1955—

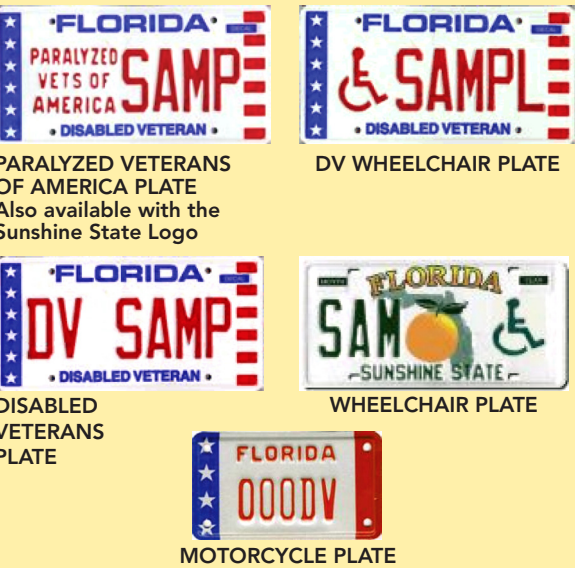
Enforcement of parking requirements for persons who have disabilities.

(1) It is unlawful for any person to stop, stand, or park a vehicle within, or to obstruct, any such specially designated and marked parking space provided, unless the vehicle displays a disabled parking permit or a license plate and the vehicle is transporting the person to whom the displayed permit is issued. The violation may not be dismissed for failure of the marking on the parking space if the space is in general compliance and is clearly distinguishable as a designated accessible parking space for people who have disabilities. Only a warning may be issued for unlawfully parking in a space designated for persons with disabilities if there is no above-grade sign.

LICENSE PLATES

- There are five (5) license plates that are acceptable in lieu of a disabled parking permit:
- Paralyzed Veterans of America Plate
- Florida DV Wheelchair Plate
- Disabled Veteran (DV) Plate
- Florida Wheelchair Plate
- Florida Wheelchair Motorcycle Plate

A placard is NOT necessary if one of these plates is displayed.



F.S.S. 320.0848—

Persons who have disabilities; issuance of disabled parking permits; temporary permits; permits for certain providers of transportation services to persons who have disabilities.

(7) Any person who fraudulently obtains or unlawfully displays a disabled parking permit that belongs to another person while occupying a disabled parking space or an access aisle as defined in s. 553.5041 while the owner of the permit is not being transported in the vehicle or who uses an unauthorized replica of such a disabled parking permit with the intent to deceive is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

ILLEGAL PARKING PATHS OF TRAVEL

F.S.S. 316.1955 (2)

"It is unlawful for any person to obstruct the path of travel to an accessible parking space, curb cut, or access aisle by standing or parking a vehicle within any such designated area. The violator is subject to the same penalties as are imposed for illegally parking in a space that is designated as an accessible space for persons who have disabilities."



ACCESS AISLES

F.S.S. 553.5041 (5)(c)(2)

"The parking access aisles are reserved for the temporary exclusive use of persons who have disabled parking permits and who require extra space to deploy a mobility device, lift or ramp in order to exit from or enter a vehicle. Parking is **not** allowed in an access aisle. Violators are subject to the same penalties that are imposed for illegally parking in parking spaces that are designated for persons who have disabilities. A vehicle may **not** be parked in an access aisle, even if the vehicle owner or passenger is disabled or owns a disabled parking permit."