

# Do's and Do Not's of Disabled Parking



## DO NOT



- **DO NOT** drive while your disabled placard is hung from your rearview mirror.
- **DO NOT** let anyone use your disabled placard parking privileges. This abuse of your disabled placard is punishable by a \$500 fine, loss of your disabled parking privileges, and 30-day suspension of your driver's license.
- **DO NOT** park illegally. You must obey all parking rules and regulations or be subject to the fines imposed.



**DO NOT** park in cross-hatch areas (Zebra Stripes), which are reserved for van ramp/lift access. Parking on a cross-hatch is subject to a \$100-\$300 fine.

- **DO NOT** use your disabled placard/plate or disabled veteran plate parking privileges if you are not entering or exiting the vehicle.
- **DO NOT** use your disabled placard in a vehicle weighing 10,000 lbs or more.
- **DO NOT** display your disabled placard when the vehicle is in motion, as doing so is subject to a \$50.00 fine.
- **DO NOT** leave your disabled placard in an unlocked vehicle.
- **DO NOT** continue to use or retain possession of your disabled placard after its expiration date. You may be fined.



## DO



- **DO** display your placard while parking in a disabled parking space. It should be hung from your rearview mirror facing towards the front of the vehicle. You may use the privacy sleeve to cover personal information. The privacy sleeve must be removed if requested by law enforcement.



- **DO** park in a designated disabled parking space when you need to exit the vehicle.
- **DO** use your disabled parking privileges in any designated disabled parking space.



**DO** realize that (when used and displayed properly) your disabled parking privilege exempts you from parking meter fees in Massachusetts.

- **DO** lock your vehicle and close the windows when using your disabled placard.
- **DO** obey all parking rules and regulations.
- **DO** return your disability placard to the RMV's Medical Affairs once it is expired and/or cancelled.



Use of a photocopy of your disabled placard is unlawful and punishable by fine or imprisonment.



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