



Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles

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Be Mindful of Others

With more accessible parking placards and license plates issued then there are spots to park, please be mindful of others that may need the accessible parking spot more than you.

Please be respectful and only park in the designated spots and only if it is absolutely necessary.



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ACCESSIBLE PARKING ETIQUETTE

Tips on proper parking in
accessible parking areas...



The chart below indicates the number of accessible spaces required by the latest 2010 standards. One of every six spaces must be van accessible.

Total Number of Parking Spaces Provided in Parking Facility	Minimum Number of Required Accessible Parking Spaces
1 to 25	1
26 to 50	2
51 to 75	3
76 to 100	4
101 to 150	5
151 to 200	6
201 to 300	7
301 to 400	8
401 to 500	9
501 to 1000	2 percent of total
1001 and over	20, plus 1 for each 100, or fraction thereof, over 1000

Accessible Parking Spaces for Cars

Accessible parking spaces for cars have at least a 60-inch-wide access aisle located adjacent to the designated parking space. The access aisle is just wide enough to permit a person using a wheelchair to enter or exit the car. These parking spaces are identified with a sign and located on level ground.



- There are more accessible parking placards than there are designated parking places.
- Not all people with disabilities have visible disabilities, (i.e. heart conditions, respiratory issues, etc.)
- Do not park in a van-accessible space unless you are driving a van or a vehicle with a side entry ramp.
- A driver that needs to set up a wheelchair should have enough room to fully open the door. This is one of the functions of the blue hatch marks between parking spaces.
- Wheelchair and power-lift users who drive could be trapped in their vehicles if they do not have access to the hatch marked accessible parking spaces.
- If there is a space that is not designated as accessible but meets your needs, take it. Accessible parking placards do not mandate one must only park in the designated spots.
- Do not remain parked in the designated spot longer than necessary.
- If you are an able-bodied driver traveling with a passenger with disabilities who can wait safely and comfortably until you join them, drop the passenger off and park the vehicle in a non-accessible spot.
- Able-bodied drivers with placards who do not have a passenger with disabilities should not take an accessible spot, as it is illegal.
- If you are entitled to an accessible parking placard, obtain one. This will help officials know how many accessible parking spaces are needed.

Van-Accessible Parking Spaces

Van-accessible parking spaces are the same as accessible parking spaces for cars except for three features needed for vans:

- A wider access aisle (96”) to accommodate a wheelchair lift.
- Vertical clearance to accommodate van height at the van parking space, the adjacent access aisle, and on the vehicular route to and from the van-accessible space.
- An additional sign that identifies the parking spaces as “van accessible”.



Visual of van-accessible spot with hatch marks.