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BLACK FRIDAY COULD BE COSTLY - IF YOU PARK IN THE WRONG PLACE

As the busiest shopping day of the year approaches, able bodied shoppers are urged to avoid parking in spaces designated for people with disabilities - no matter how full the parking lot may be.

Deputy Constables and commissioned citizen volunteers will be patrolling parking areas this Friday and throughout the holiday season to ensure that handicap parking spaces are left available for people with disabilities.

The fines for the following Handicap parking offenses are \$500:

- Parking in a handicap parking space without a handicap parking license plate or placard.
- Blocking curb ramps or areas designated for van unloading.
- Using someone else's handicap parking placard or using a vehicle with handicap parking license plates if the person with the disability is not being transported.

"Finding parking this Friday will certainly be challenging for everyone," said Travis County Constable Bruce Elfant. Most of us will have to walk a littler farther but that is not an option for people with disabilities."

