

37 MILLION AMERICANS (12% of the total population) are classified as disabled.



For every 25 parking spaces there is **ONE ACCESSIBLE SPACE**.



1 in 4 of today's 20 year olds WILL BECOME DISABLED before they retire.



By the year 2030, **71.5 MILLION BABY BOOMERS** will be over age 65 and need access to products, services that address their age-related physical changes.

Things **YOU** can do to help:

- Don't park in accessible parking spaces unless you have a legal accessible placard or plate.
- Help stop violations by talking to family and friends
- ✓ Report violations when you see them: www.constable5.com/info/ report_parking_ abuse.shtml
- ✓ **Volunteer to ticket violators.**Learn more about our accessible parking enforcement program at http://www.constable5.com/info/parking.shtml



PERMISSION TO PARK?IT'S NOT UP TO BUSINESS OWNERS.

It's not okay to allow people to use accessible parking without a valid placard. It is also not okay to block access to parking designated for people with disabilities. Transportation Code Chapter 681 authorizes law enforcement officers and certified parking volunteers to issue citations for violations of accessible parking on public or private property.

As a business owner, you can provide information about accessible parking. Here is the web site:

http://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/disabled-parking-placards-plates







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For more information about accessible parking in Texas, see Texas Transportation code privileged parking statue at:

http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/TN/htm/TN.681.htm or the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles at: http://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/disabled-parking-placards-plates



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ACCESSIBLE PARKING:

It's a lot more than an empty space. For people with disabilities, an accessible parking space means full participation in the community. A parking space close to the door with enough room for a vehicle lift can mean the difference between doing things when you want and doing things when it's convenient for others. At some point, we all may need accessible parking: maybe you've had a disability for years. Maybe you just had surgery and you're in a wheelchair. Maybe you're caring for an aging parent who is unable to cross the parking lot. Accessible parking is more than just a privilege, it's a civil right. **RESPECT THE SPACE**

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THINK TWICE: When considering using accessible parking to run in for a minute, think twice, and treat others the way you'd like to be treated. Everyone has errands to run and places to be.



YELLOW STRIPES: The access aisle is the yellow or white striped area located to one side or around the accessible parking space. It allows people with disabilities or support people to safely enter/exit a vehicle including loading and unloading assistive devices like wheelchairs, walkers or vehicle lifts. It is also there to protect the vehicles around from possible damage as people with disabilities enter and exit vehicles.



SPACE: If you have a valid accessible placard/plate and you have a choice between spaces, please practice courtesy by leaving van accessible spaces open for vehicles with lifts. Van accessible parking spaces include a wider than average 8 foot access aisle that allow people who use lifts to enter/exit their vehicle safely.



NO ASSUMPTIONS: Do not assume that all vehicles with lifts are vans. Modifications can be made to many different vehicles. People with disabilities have different ways of entering/exiting their vehicles and loading/unloading assistive devices like wheelchairs or walkers. Not all lifts deploy from the side of the vehicle.

Running late or having an armload of stuff to carry is no justification for taking accessible parking from someone who truly needs it. There may come a day that you're the one who needs that space. Pay it forward. Respect those who need it today."

Equal access for people with disabilities is important. Please join me in making our community accessible to everyone.

Austin is a town where everyone is included and everyone belongs, and accessible parking is one way we accomplish this.

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When accessibility laws first came about I was sympathetic to people with disabilities, but now that I have a disability I've become damn near a vigilante. Accessibility makes my customers happy: Happy customers are repeat customers. It's as easy as pie.

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