



Hi, I'm Barry Lindemann.

In 1994 I was injured in a diving accident. Now I use a power wheelchair full time. My vehicle is equipped with a ramp so that I can get in and out. It's great because I'm much more mobile when I use it and can get around the community more easily.

Disabled parking stalls make my life better. I am able to access buildings because the stalls are close to entrances. I don't have to worry about getting stuck in gravel or travelling long distances in parking lots where people might not be able to see me in my chair.

When an able-bodied person parks in a designated stall it's almost like a personal affront to a person with disabilities, like me. It sometimes takes a lot for us to go out and access the community. Conveniently located parking stalls allow us to go places just like everyone else and that is why they are there.

Designated parking spots are not a perk for people with physical disabilities. They are a necessity. Life is tough enough without someone parking in a stall that you need.

If I could talk directly to those people who park illegally in disabled stalls, I'd say 'Please think before you park, and next time leave those spots for people with disabilities like me. We really need them. Those parking stalls allow us to access the community in the easiest way possible.'

People with disabilities just want a level playing field. Designated parking stalls help level that playing field. They really do help to make our community more accessible to everyone.

Remember: Designated parking stalls are there for a reason. Parking stalls for people with disabilities are wider than regular parking stalls and located close to building entrances and exits for easier access. Parking placards are only issued to people who need them, like those in wheelchairs and those who are unable to walk further than 50 metres.

Fast Facts:



- The fine for parking illegally in a designated stall is \$200 if paid within 10 days, \$250 if paid within 30 days and \$300 after that time.
- More than 250 parking tickets are issued each December for parking illegally in designated stalls.
- On average, more than 2,200 tickets are issued each year for unauthorized parking in a designated stall.
- Stalls for people with disabilities have access areas or striped lines to allow more room for people with disabilities to access their vehicles. Please don't park in these areas.
- It is illegal to lend a parking placard to an individual without a disability.

To Report Illegally Parked Vehicles

Calgary Parking Authority
Parking Enforcement Division
Phone: 403-537-7100 (24 hours)

Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4:15 pm
620 – 9 Avenue SW, Calgary

To Report Abuse of Parking Placards

Record all details of the incident, including the date, time, place, vehicle license number and description and submit the information in written form to:

Registry Services

Alberta Government Services Building
710 – 4th Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2P 0K3
Fax: 403-297-8982

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