



Respect the sign

**or expect:
a fine,
licence demerit points,
vehicle towing.**

Parking spaces
only for persons
with valid
placard



Designated parking for persons with disabilities Respect the sign

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Parking spaces reserved for persons with severe mobility problems are not a privilege. They are a necessity meant to improve the quality and dignity of their lives. Eligible placard holders need these parking spaces to accomplish everyday tasks. **Any** use of those spaces by a non-disabled person demonstrates disrespect for persons with a physical disability.

It is the law in New Brunswick

Most people know and respect the fact that non-disabled persons should never use parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities. However, for those who may disregard this fundamental need of disabled persons, the New Brunswick **Motor Vehicle Act** prohibits the use of parking spaces, reserved for persons with mobility impairments, unless the appropriate identification is displayed in the vehicle. Penalties normally involve a significant fine and/or licence demerit points.

The **Motor Vehicle Act** also empowers municipal authorities to establish and regulate the use of parking areas reserved for persons with disabilities. Fines can be up to \$125. The provincial fine is even higher.

The Placard system

Blue placards displaying the international symbol of access are issued to applicants who need to use reserved parking spaces. Eligibility is limited to those with significant mobility impairment caused by paralysis, lower limb amputation or heart or lung disease that would make it difficult to walk unassisted for more than 50 metres in outdoor weather.

The placard, when hung from the rear-view mirror of a parked vehicle, is easily seen by enforcement officers. The placard must be removed when the vehicle is moving.

Placards are available at any **Service New Brunswick** outlet. Applicants are required to demonstrate their impairment (if disability is not readily observable) in person or present a form completed by a physician, occupational therapist or physiotherapist, before a placard can be issued.

Important points for placard users

- Placards are the property of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and must be returned to a Service New Brunswick location immediately:
 - if they are no longer required by the person for whom they were issued;
 - if they have expired and a new placard is required; or
 - if they have been mutilated or defaced in any way (such placards are void).
- Placards must be clearly displayed.
- The person, for whom the placard was issued, must be getting out of the vehicle, at that stop; otherwise, the reserved parking space may not be used.
- Users of parking permits for persons with disabilities must obey all laws and procedures relating to general parking provisions.
- Disabled parking permits are issued only for the use of one designated person. They are **not transferable** and may not be loaned to anyone else, for any reason.

For further information, contact Service New Brunswick or visit the Department of Public Safety website: www.gnb.ca/publicsafety