

## Disabled Parking



### Give the Gift of a Space this Holiday Season

The harsh winter weather has led to problems on the road, especially for drivers trying to get into parking lots. But the problem can turn dangerous for people with disabilities who report some disabled parking spaces are being used by illegitimate users. Snowfalls and ice conditions make it difficult for people with mobility issues to navigate the icy roads and sidewalks. Parking in disabled parking spaces when not permitted to do so also makes it difficult and dangerous for people with mobility issues.

Also provide adequate room when parking near disabled spaces, as many of the vehicles carrying people with mobility issues use ramps and/or unload mobility scooters or wheelchairs. Leave plenty of space between your vehicle and the Disabled Parking Stall.

It's also important for property owners and clearing crews to ensure the Disabled Parking Spaces are visible and free of snow and ice.

*The City of Terrace Street & Traffic Bylaw - 16 - Bylaw No. 1313-1993 States:*

*HANDICAPPED ZONES 26. No person shall park a vehicle in a parking space designated for use by handicapped persons, unless such vehicle displays a valid handicap numbered Social Planning and Review Council of British Columbia (S.P.A.R.C.) certificate, or in a case of an out-of-province vehicle, any similarly authorized permit.*

You are committing an offence when you stop, leave standing, or park in a designated accessible parking zone a vehicle that does not display a valid parking permit. A \$100 traffic ticket may be issued to those who park in a disabled zone when not entitled, to those who use a disabled parking permit when they are not entitled to it and to those who loan the permit to another person, disabled or not. The vehicle may also be towed.

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Bylaw Compliance Officer