



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR USE OF DISABLED PLATES, DISABLED VETERAN PLATES, OR DISABLED PARKING IDENTIFICATION PERMITS

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Persons who are certified by an authorized health care specialist as having a **permanent or temporary** disability that limits or impairs their ability to walk are eligible for a disabled parking identification (DIS ID) permit. Persons who are certified by an authorized health care specialist as having a **permanent** disability that limits or impairs their ability to walk are eligible for disabled license plates (DIS) or disabled veteran license plates (VET). Certification for a permanent DIS ID permit, DIS and VET plates is required every four years. A Temporary DIS ID permit is valid up to six months. If a temporary permit is needed for longer than six months, a person must reapply.

Disabled Parking Privileges

A person who displays a DIS ID permit, DIS plates or VET plates on their vehicle is subject to all Wisconsin motor vehicle laws and qualifies for certain privileges.

- May park in spaces marked by official traffic signs reserving the space for vehicles displaying DIS or VET plates or a DIS ID permit in all 50 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico. Disabled veteran plates with the International Symbol of Access are the only military-related plates that qualify for disabled parking privileges.
- Exempt from any parking ordinance imposing time limits of one-half hour or more (unless posted for a three hour limit) and is subject to the laws relating to parking.
- May park at a municipally-owned/leased lot without payment in **metered spaces** when the time limit is one-half hour or more. Payment may be required for privately-owned parking lots or those with an attendant.
- May obtain fuel from a full-service pump at the same price as the fuel from a self-service pump at locations with both types of service, if the driver is the person with the disability. The driver of the vehicle **must ask** for the same price as charged for fuel from a self-service pump. The retailer is not required to provide any other service that is not provided to customers who use a self-service pump.

Things you should know

- Persons with a DIS ID permit must keep a copy of the completed application on their person or in the vehicle to provide to a traffic officer for inspection upon request. Make and keep a copy of the application **before** submitting it to WisDOT. Persons with DIS or VET plates are not required to keep a copy of their application, but are recommended to do so.
- When parked in a space reserved for persons with a physical disability, a DIS ID permit must be hung from the interior rearview mirror of a motor vehicle. For exceptions to this rule, please contact the Special Plates Unit.
- Report as soon as possible a lost or stolen DIS ID permit to the address below.
- Operating a motor vehicle when a DIS ID permit is hanging from the rearview mirror is a safety hazard and creates an obstruction to a driver's clear view through the front windshield. Violators may be fined up to \$100.

- Any person who sells or lends a DIS ID permit to someone who is not authorized by law to use it or allows another person to operate their vehicle registered with DIS or VET plates and parks in spaces reserved for disabled persons when the vehicle operator is not authorized to do so, may be fined up to \$300.
- Any person who fraudulently reproduces, procures, alters, manufactures, or duplicates a DIS ID permit and/or DIS or VET plates may be fined up to \$500.
- A request for replacement of a DIS ID permit confiscated by law enforcement must include a copy of a paid ticket receipt or court documentation showing the matter has been resolved.
- WisDOT may cancel or order the return of a DIS ID permit and/or DIS or VET plates that were issued as a result of fraud, error or improper use.
- If a person or organization has previously been issued two or more replacement DIS ID permits during the 36 months prior to a new application for replacement cards, the person or organization must attach a completed and notarized MV2967 with their application.

Parking Restrictions

The following acts are illegal:

- Parking in certain specified places including loading zones, an alley located in a business district, within ten feet of a fire hydrant unless a greater distance is indicated by an official traffic sign, within four feet of the entrance to an alley or a private road or driveway, closer than fifteen feet to the near limits of a crosswalk and upon any portion of a highway where parking is prohibited, limited or restricted by official traffic signs.
- Leaving or parking any motor vehicle on public or private property when the owner or lessee of the property has posted a sign indicating for whom parking is permitted, limited, restricted or prohibited.
- Parking contrary to emergency snow removal ordinances, nighttime restrictions requiring a special permit, special events within the state when signs or bags are posted stating that parking is limited, restricted or prohibited or any other reason allowed by statute or local ordinances.
- Leaving or parking any motor vehicle on private property without the consent of the owner or lessee of the property.
- Stopping or leave standing any vehicle on the left side of a highway except physically disabled persons having a Class A or B hunting license or as provided by law.

Additional information

Call: 608-264-7169

FAX: 608-267-5106

E-mail: special-plates.dmv@dot.wi.gov

Internet: www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/vehicles/disabled

Write:

WisDOT
 Special Plates Unit
 PO Box 7306
 Madison, WI 53707-7306