

**EUROPEAN  
PARKING CARD  
FOR PEOPLE WITH  
DISABILITIES**



**HOW, WHEN AND WHERE  
TO USE IT  
IN 29 COUNTRIES**



## INTRODUCTION



The EU Model Parking Card for people with disabilities has been adopted across Europe. Your Parking Card entitles you to parking concessions in 29 European countries.

This leaflet describes what the concessions are – where you can park, where you can't, and the different parking signs to look out for.

Always read the concession details for the country you are visiting and be sure to carry a copy for reference.

**IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, DON'T PARK**

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**A**

## AUSTRIA

### GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol. Do not park if the space is marked with a person's name or vehicle registration number.

### PARKING ON ROADS

Do not park on roads where parking is prohibited.

In most areas you may park free of charge and without time limit where payment is required.  
Check locally.

You may park without time limit on roads where parking is free but restricted by time.

You may drive and park in pedestrian zones, but only during vehicle delivery access times.  
Check locally.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Public car parks offer no concessions to vehicles displaying the Parking Card.

Always follow the advice given on page 34

**B**

## BELGIUM

### GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

### PARKING ON ROADS

Do not park on roads where parking is prohibited.

In most areas you may park free of charge and without time limit on roads where payment is required.  
Check locally.

You may park without time limit on roads where parking is free but restricted by time.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some car parks allow vehicles displaying the Parking Card to be parked free of charge but only in parking bays reserved for disabled people.  
Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

Always follow the advice given on page 34



CY

## CYPRUS

### GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

### PARKING ON ROADS

Do not park on roads where parking is prohibited.

You may park free of charge and without time limit on roads where payment is required.  
Check locally.

You may park without time limit on roads where parking is free but restricted by time.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones unless there is a sign showing that vehicles displaying the Parking Card are exempt.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some public car parks allow vehicles displaying the Parking Card to be parked free of charge. Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

Always follow the advice given on page 34



CZ

## CZECH REPUBLIC

### GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol. Do not park if the space is marked with a person's name or vehicle registration number.

### PARKING ON ROADS

Do not park on roads where parking is prohibited.

In most areas you must pay to park where payment is required and keep within the time limit.  
Check locally.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones unless local concessions specifically allow it.  
Check locally.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some car parks allow vehicles displaying the Parking Card to be parked free of charge. Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

Always follow the advice given on page 34



DK

## DENMARK

### GENERAL

**On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.**

### PARKING ON ROADS

The following time limits apply in most areas to vehicles displaying the Parking Card:

- 
- where parking is prohibited you may park for up to 15 minutes but only if you are not causing an obstruction;
- 
- where parking is limited to 15-30 minutes, you may park for up to an hour;
- 
- where parking is free but limited to one, two or three hours, you may park for an unlimited time.

In some areas you must pay to park on roads where payment is required; if you pay for the maximum time allowed on arrival, you may be permitted to park without time limit.  
Check locally.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones unless local concessions specifically allow it.  
Check locally.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Car parks offer no concessions to vehicles displaying the Parking Card.

**Always follow the advice given on page 34**



EST

## ESTONIA

### GENERAL

**On roads and in car parks, parking places for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.**

### PARKING ON ROADS

You may be permitted to park on roads where parking is prohibited but only if the car is wholly parked on the footpath and if you are not causing an obstruction.

You are strongly advised to check locally.

■  
You may park free of charge and without time limit on roads where payment is required.

■  
You may park without time limit on roads where parking is free but restricted by time.

■  
Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some car parks allow vehicles displaying the Parking Card to be parked free of charge.  
Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

**Always follow the advice given on page 34**



FIN

## FINLAND

### GENERAL

**On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol. Do not park if the space is marked with a person's name or vehicle registration number.**

### PARKING ON ROADS

In some areas you may park where parking is prohibited but only if you are not causing an obstruction.  
Check locally.

You may park free of charge and exceed the time limit in areas where payment is required.

You may exceed the time limit in areas where parking is free but limited by time.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Regulations in car parks vary.  
Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

**Always follow the advice given on page 34**



F

## FRANCE

### GENERAL

**On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.**

Although there is a national system of parking concessions, local variations can apply.  
Check locally.

### PARKING ON ROADS

Do not park on roads where parking is prohibited.

You must pay to park on roads where payment is required. (In Paris and in some other cities, vehicles displaying the Parking Card may be parked on roads free of charge).  
Check locally.

In many areas you may park without time limit on roads where parking is free but restricted by time.  
Check locally.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Car parks do not generally give concessions to vehicles displaying the Parking Card, although some local variations may apply.  
Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

**Always follow the advice given on page 34**



D

## GERMANY

### GENERAL

**On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol. Do not park if the space is marked with a person's name or vehicle registration number.**

### PARKING ON ROADS

You may park for up to 3 hours on roads where parking is prohibited, and in residents' parking areas but only if you are not causing an obstruction.

You may park free of charge and for up to 24 hours on roads where payment is required.

You may park for up to 24 hours on roads where parking is free but restricted by time.

You may park in pedestrian zones but only at specified loading and unloading times.

*Note: These parking concessions only apply if there is no alternative parking option available nearby.  
Check locally.*

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some car parks allow vehicles displaying the Parking Card to be parked free of charge, but only in parking bays reserved for disabled people. Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

**Always follow the advice given on page 34**



GR

## GREECE

### GENERAL

**On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol. Do not park if the space is marked with a person's name or vehicle registration number.**

### PARKING ON ROADS

Do not park on roads where parking is prohibited.

In most areas you must pay to park where payment is required.  
Check locally.

In most areas you may park without time limit on roads where parking is free but restricted by time.  
Check locally.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some car parks allow vehicles displaying the Parking Card to be parked free of charge. Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

**Always follow the advice given on page 34**



H

## HUNGARY

### GENERAL

**On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.**

### PARKING ON ROADS

In some areas you may park for 60 minutes where parking is prohibited but only if you are not causing an obstruction (unless there is a ban on loading or unloading).  
Check locally.

You may park free of charge for 60 minutes on roads where payment is required.  
Check locally.

You may park for 60 minutes on roads where parking is free but restricted by time.  
Check locally.

You may be allowed to drive and park in pedestrian zones.  
Check locally.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some car parks allow vehicles displaying the Parking Card to park free of charge.  
Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

**Always follow the advice given on page 34**



IS

## ICELAND

### GENERAL

**On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol. Do not park if the space is marked with a person's name or vehicle registration number.**

### PARKING ON ROADS

Do not park on roads where parking is prohibited.

Parking charges and parking time concessions for vehicles displaying the Parking Card vary.  
Check locally.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Car parks do not generally give concessions to vehicles displaying the Parking Card, although some local variations may apply.  
Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

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IRL

## IRELAND

### GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

### PARKING ON ROADS

Do not park on roads where parking is prohibited.

■  
Parking charges and parking time concessions for vehicles displaying the Parking Card vary.  
Check locally.

■  
Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

In some car parks, payment concessions are given to vehicles displaying the Parking Card.  
Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

Always follow the advice given on page 34



I

## ITALY

### GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a yellow line and a wheelchair symbol. Do not park if the space is marked with a person's name or vehicle registration number.

### PARKING ON ROADS

You may park on roads where parking is prohibited but only in an emergency and only if you are not causing an obstruction.

■  
In most areas you must pay to park where payment is required.  
Check locally.

■  
You may park without time limit on roads where parking is free but restricted by time.

■  
Do not drive or park in a pedestrian or ZTL (limited traffic areas) zone unless local concessions specifically allow it.  
Check locally.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

One in 50 spaces in public car parks is marked for use by vehicles displaying the Parking Card.  
Vehicles displaying the Parking Card may be parked in those spaces free of charge.  
Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

Always follow the advice given on page 34



LV

## LATVIA

### GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

### PARKING ON ROADS

No concessions are offered to vehicles displaying the Parking Card.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

No concessions are offered to vehicles displaying the Parking Card.

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FL

## LIECHTENSTEIN

### GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

### PARKING ON ROADS

No concessions are offered to vehicles displaying the Parking Card.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

No concessions are offered to vehicles displaying the Parking Card.

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LT

## LITHUANIA

### GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

### PARKING ON ROADS

You may park on roads where parking is prohibited but only if you are not causing an obstruction.

You may park free of charge and without time limit on roads where payment is required but only in spaces marked with a wheelchair symbol.

You may park without time limit on roads where parking is free but restricted by time.

You may be permitted to drive and park in pedestrian zones.  
Check locally.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some car parks allow vehicles displaying the Parking Card to be parked free of charge but only in parking bays reserved for disabled people. Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

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L

## LUXEMBOURG

### GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

### PARKING ON ROADS

No concessions are offered to vehicles displaying the Parking Card.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

No concessions are offered to vehicles displaying the Parking Card.

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M

## MALTA

### GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

Details of parking concessions available to disabled people can be obtained from the Maltese authorities at the following address:

**The Director  
Kummissjoni Nazzjonali Persuni b' Dizabilita'  
Centru Hidma Socjali  
Santa Venera  
Malta  
Email: helpdesk@knpd  
www.knpd.org**

### PARKING ON ROADS

Check locally.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Check locally.

Always follow the advice given on page 34



NL

## NETHERLANDS

### GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol. Do not park if the space is marked with a person's name or vehicle registration number.

### PARKING ON ROADS

You may park for up to 3 hours on roads where parking is prohibited but only if you are not causing an obstruction.

You must pay to park where payment is required and you must keep within the time limit.  
Local variations may apply.  
Check locally.

You may park without time limit on roads where parking is free but restricted by time (blue zone).

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

No concessions are offered to vehicles displaying the Parking Card.

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N

## NORWAY

### GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol. Do not park if the space is marked with a person's name or vehicle registration number.

### PARKING ON ROADS

Do not park on roads where parking is prohibited.

You may park free of charge and without time limit on roads where payment is required.

You may park without time limit on roads where parking is free but restricted by time, unless a time limit is specified for vehicles displaying the Parking Card.

You may park in residents' parking zones.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some car parks allow vehicles displaying the Parking Card to be parked free of charge and without time limit, but only in parking bays reserved for disabled people. Local variations may apply. Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

Always follow the advice given on page 34



PL

## POLAND

### GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

### PARKING ON ROADS

Do not park on roads where parking is prohibited.

You may park free of charge and without time limit on roads where payment is required.

You may park on either side of the road where parking is restricted on odd and even days but only if you are not causing an obstruction.

Check locally.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones unless local concessions specifically allow it.

Check locally.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

No concessions are offered to vehicles displaying the Parking Card.

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## PORTUGAL

### GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol. Do not park if the space is marked with a vehicle registration number.

### PARKING ON ROADS

No concessions are offered to vehicles displaying the Parking Card.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some car parks allow vehicles displaying the Parking Card to be parked free of charge. Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

Always follow the advice given on page 34



## SLOVAKIA

### GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol. Do not park in a space that is marked with a vehicle registration number.

### PARKING ON ROADS

Do not park on roads where parking is prohibited.

You may park free of charge on roads where payment is required but only in parking places reserved for vehicles displaying the Parking Card.

Do not park or drive in pedestrian zones.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some car parks allow vehicles displaying the Parking Card to be parked free of charge or with a charge reduction (e.g. first hour free of charge).

Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

Always follow the advice given on page 34



SLO

## SLOVENIA

### GENERAL

**On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.**

### PARKING ON ROADS

You may park for up to 2 hours on roads where parking is prohibited but only if you are not causing an obstruction.

You must pay to park on roads where payment is required and keep within the time limit.

Where you are permitted to park on pavements, you must ensure that at least 1.6m is available for pedestrians. Check locally.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some car parks allow vehicles displaying the Parking Card to be parked free of charge. Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

**Always follow the advice given on page 34**



E

## SPAIN

### GENERAL

**On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.**

### PARKING ON ROADS

Do not park on roads where parking is prohibited unless local concessions specifically allow it. Check locally.

Parking charges and parking time limit concessions for vehicles displaying the Parking Card vary. Check locally.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones unless local concessions specifically allow it. Check locally.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

In most places car parks offer concessions to vehicles displaying the Parking Card. Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

**Always follow the advice given on page 34**



## SWEDEN

### GENERAL

**On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.**

### PARKING ON ROADS

You may park for up to 3 hours on roads where parking is prohibited but only if you are not causing an obstruction.

In some areas you may be allowed to park free of charge on roads where payment is required.  
Check locally.

On roads where parking is free but restricted by time the following time limits apply to vehicles displaying the Parking Card:

- where parking is limited to less than 3 hours, you may park for up to 3 hours;
- where parking is limited to more than 3 hours, you may park for up to 24 hours.

You may be permitted to park for up to 3 hours in pedestrian zones.  
Check locally.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Car parks sometimes offer concessions to vehicles displaying the Parking Card.  
Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

**Always follow the advice given on page 34**



## SWITZERLAND

### GENERAL

**On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a yellow line and a wheelchair symbol. Do not park if the space is marked with a person's name or vehicle registration number.**

### PARKING ON ROADS

Do not park on roads where parking is prohibited.

You must pay to park where payment is required.

You may park for up to 2 hours on roads in areas where traffic is restricted (ZTL areas).  
Check locally.

You may park for up to 6 hours where parking is restricted by time.

You may be permitted to drive and park in pedestrian zones.  
Check locally.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

New regulations for disabled drivers in car parks now apply. Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

**Always follow the advice given on page 34**



UK

## UNITED KINGDOM

### GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

The parking card is used in conjunction with a parking disc. However, people from other countries who display the Parking Card without a parking disc will be given the same concessions.

### PARKING ON ROADS

No concessions are offered to vehicles displaying the Parking Card in Central London. Check locally.

You may park on roads where parking is prohibited unless there is a ban on loading or unloading, and only if you are not causing an obstruction for:

- up to 3 hours in England and Wales;
- without time limit in Scotland and Northern Ireland unless local restrictions apply.

Check locally.

You may park free of charge and without time limit on roads where payment is required unless signs indicate otherwise. Check locally.

You may park without time limit on roads where parking is free but restricted by time unless signs indicate otherwise. Check locally.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones unless unless local concessions specifically allow it. Check locally.

### PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some car parks allow vehicles displaying the Parking Card to be parked free of charge. Check with car park notices or ask an attendant. **Always follow the advice given on page 34**

## EUROPEAN TRAFFIC SIGNS: PARKING, WAITING AND STOPPING



Parking.



Waiting prohibited. In some countries you may be allowed to park for a limited amount of time, providing you don't cause an obstruction.



Waiting prohibited on odd number dates.



Waiting prohibited on even number dates.



No stopping. You must never park on roads where stopping is prohibited.

The basic signs are the red and blue roundels which are common to all countries.

In some places waiting is permitted on alternate sides of the road. The signs above show if the change is made daily.

If a different form of alternation applies, the numerals I and II are replaced by the appropriate dates; eg, 1-15 and 16-31 if the change is made on the 1st and 16th day of the month.

Plates may be mounted beneath any of the above signs to give details of the times when restrictions are in force, any exemptions for certain classes of traffic, and the length of road over which the restriction extends.

When the length of time vehicles may wait is limited, this may be stated on an additional plate or on the lower part of the red circle on a prohibitory sign.

If you are in doubt always check locally.

## GENERAL ADVICE

The 29 countries featured in this leaflet recognise the Blue Badge – the European Community standardised parking card for people with disabilities. These countries offer visitors the same parking entitlements as local Blue Badge holders.

Each country has its own scheme, however, so you should always be careful about where and when you park.

Some countries allow Blue Badge holders to park on roads where parking is normally prohibited. Some allow free parking in car parks, or at parking meters and pay and display, or there may be no time limits. Other countries may not be so generous, and there may be local and regional differences.

Our best advice is to exercise caution when you park, and to make enquiries locally, if possible. You will find that most people are helpful, and knowing you are in the clear will give you peace of mind.

### HERE ARE SOME DO'S AND DON'TS TO HELP YOU:



Do check carefully what the parking signs say.



Do display your Parking Card, display the “Show Your Rights” part of the booklet on the dashboard and set your time disc.



Don't park where your car would cause an obstruction or be a danger to other road users - on a narrow road, for example, or near a pedestrian crossings, a school entrance or a junction.



Don't be afraid to ask about any local restrictions or limitations that may apply.

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**YOU SHOULD NOT RELY ON YOUR PARKING CARD IF  
YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS.**

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