



# Accessible Parking Etiquette



Variety KC created positive parking signs to educate folks that real people need accessible parking spots.

We then realized most people don't understand the huge need to keep the spaces free so we have put real faces of KC kids on a variety of signs to think of me - keep it free! **Please share this information to educate others so we can be the most inclusive city in the world. When we know better we can do better!**

## Accessible Parking

For many people with disabilities, access aisles serve a critical purpose no one understands. These yellow or blue striped isles next to accessible parking spaces provide extra room so wheelchair users or people with disabilities can exit their vehicles.

- ♥ It allows them to easily lower their wheelchair ramp or lift which are usually on the passenger's side of the adaptive vehicles.
- ♥ If this area is blocked even a small amount, a person with a disability who requires the extra space may not be able to get out of their vehicle. (STUCK)
- ♥ Or worse yet - if a person with a disability gets back to their vehicle and another car is parked over the access lines, the person may have to wait until the violator moves the illegally parked vehicle.



### Display your vehicle accessible parking permit:

It is required by law that you display your accessible parking permit, including accessibility parking placards or license plates. You may have a permit that legally entitles you to use that space, please display it,

Please leave van accessible space open for ramp or lift equipped parking vehicles.

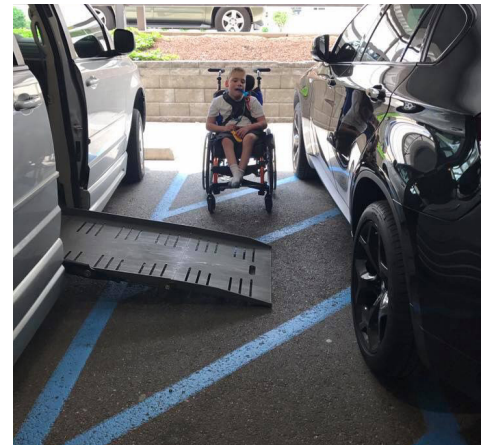
# Van accessible parking spaces have a wider access aisle than standard accessible spots. Want to know why?

The eight foot wide aisle provides enough space for a wheelchair user who has a ramp, or lift equipped vehicle to lower the ramp or lift and have room between vehicles to exit or enter the van. A sign with the words **“Van Accessible”** and the international symbol of accessibility means the parking space is designed for ramp, or lift equipped vehicles.

In contrast, access aisles next to regular accessible parking spaces are only **FIVE FEET WIDE**, which is not enough room for wheelchair users to safely exit or re- enter a van that has a lift or ramp. In addition, there are fewer van accessible parking spaces in most parking lots.

You may have an accessible parking pass **please reserve Van Accessible parking for Van Accessible users.** Otherwise Accessible Vans may not be able to find a parking space.

Accessible Parking permits have expiration dates, please do not use expired placards or license plates. It is against the law. It’s easy to apply for a new one or renew your permit.



## A BIGGY:

Please do not let others use your accessible parking permit when you are not present. There are legal consequences for both you and the person who borrows your permit including fines and your permit revoked.

The Van Accessibility lifts and ramps are located on the passenger side. The lines at Accessible Space should be on Passenger side for this reason.

## How can you help?

- ♥ Share this information with your friends and families
- ♥ Keep Access Aisles Completely Free
- ♥ Keep it Free Think of Me

