

Who qualifies for a Disabled Parking placard?

You may qualify for a Disabled Placard or Disabled license plates if you have impaired mobility due to having lost use of one or more lower extremities, or both hands, or have a diagnosed disease that substantially impairs or interferes with mobility, or one who is severely disabled to be unable to move without the aid of an assistive device. You may also qualify if you have specific, documented visual problems, including lower-vision or partial-sightedness.

How can I apply for a Disabled Parking placard?

Per California DMV, you must:

- Complete and sign an Application for Disabled Person Placard or Plates (REG 195) (PDF).
- Have a licensed physician, surgeon, chiropractor, optometrist, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or certified nurse midwife that has knowledge of the disease and/or disability sign the Doctor's Certification section of the REG 195 (PDF).
- Submit fees when requesting a Temporary Placard.
- Mail the original completed and signed application to the address on the form.

For more information, visit:

www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/vr/disabled

What can I do if I suspect Disabled Parking abuse or a Disabled Parking violation?

Anyone who thinks a Disabled Person Placard is being misused, or observes a Disabled Parking violation, can call the Burbank Police Department non-emergency number, at (818) 238-3000.

Please be prepared to provide a description of the person(s), description of the vehicle, license plate number, and location.



Burbank Police Department
200 N. Third St.
Burbank, CA 91502

Non-emergency: (818) 238-3000

For emergencies, dial 9-1-1



Disabled Parking Enforcement



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What is BPD's authority to check identification for Disabled Person parking?

California Vehicle Code §22511.56 states (in part):

A person using a distinguished placard... or a special license plate... for parking as permitted by Section 22511.5 shall, upon request of a peace officer or person authorized to enforce parking laws... present identification and evidence of the issuance of that placard or plate to that person...

Failure to present the requested identification and evidence of the issuance of that placard or plate shall be rebuttable presumption that the placard or plate is being misused and that the associated vehicle has been parked in violation.

To expedite this process, you are encouraged to have your registration card and photo identification readily accessible when parking. We will make every effort to complete our checks with as little delay as possible.

If you are transporting another person and they are not present during the check, we may require that you provide evidence that the person to whom the placard or special plate was issued is within a *reasonable proximity* of the parked vehicle. CVC §4461



What is Disabled Person parking abuse?

- Displaying a Disabled Person parking placard that was not issued to you or that has been canceled or revoked by the DMV. [CVC §4461(c)]
- Use of a Disabled Person license plates not issued to you in a disabled parking stall [CVC §4461(d)]
- Use of a forged, counterfeit, or falsified Disabled Person parking placard or special license plate. [CVC §4463(a) & 4463(b)]
- Sale or offer for sale, or unlawful acquisition or possession of a genuine or counterfeit Disabled Person parking placard. [CVC §4463(b)(3)]
- Lending or knowingly allowing another person to use your placard. [CVC §4461(b)]
- Knowingly making a false statement to the DMV in your application for a Disabled Person placard or special license plate. [CVC §20]

What are the penalties for Disabled Person parking abuse?

California Vehicle Code §4461 provides for the following penalties for Disabled Person parking abuse (in part):

(T)he issuance of a notice of parking violation imposing a civil penalty of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000)... or is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or both that fine and imprisonment.

Additionally, California Vehicle Code §22511.56, permits peace officers and parking enforcement personnel to confiscate misused placards and plates:

In addition to any other applicable penalty for the misuse of a placard, the officer or parking enforcement person may confiscate a placard being used for parking purposes that benefit a person other than the person to whom the placard was issued...

Confiscated placards are reported to the Department of Motor Vehicles for cancellation and will not be returned. CVC §22511.56(e)

Canceled placards cannot be reissued and their replacement requires a new application and medical verification to be submitted to the DMV.

Use of forged, counterfeit or falsified Disabled license plates can be a felony. CVC §4463