



Vehicle parked in Access Aisle



Motorcycles parked in Access Aisle



Volunteer Handicap Enforcement Programs

\* Contact your local police Dept. and ask if they have a volunteer program.



Sample of altered 3 Year (Blue) Placard, original expiration date was changed from Aug 03 to Aug 08



Sample of altered 90 Day (Red) Placard, original expiration date was changed to May 07 (with whiteout)



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Access Aisle Encroachment



# DISABLED PARKING

## ETIQUETTE

Using a disabled parking space carries certain responsibilities. The law that creates disabled parking spaces is a federal law, applied on a nationwide basis. Any parking space identified for use by the disabled found being misused or by individuals not entitled to use of the space makes the vehicle's registered owner subject to the issuance of a citation with a fine up to \$1000.00. Citations can be issued by an Police Officer or a Specially Appointed Police Officer. On the reverse of this flyer are samples of just how disabled parking is misused.

### **Here are some simple rules to follow when using any disabled parking space:**

- Display your disabled parking placard clearly by handing it from your rear view mirror or by laying it in clear view on your dashboard.
- Use only your own registered disabled parking placard or that of a passenger in your vehicle.
- Be prepared to show both your placard and current placard registration document to law enforcement officials when you display the placard. Failure to have

your placard registration document is ground for a citation.

- A disabled parking placard is used to an individual and that individual must be in the vehicle to legally use the placard. Plus, the placard owner must enter or exit the vehicle while parked in the disabled space.
- Colorado State law states that your disabled parking placard will allow you to park on any metered space for up to four hours, regardless of any other posted time limits. A disabled veteran plate or tag will allow you to park at a meter for up to four hours. You do have to "feed the meter" while parked in the space.
- If your placard is expired, do not use it. An expired placard has no value.
- Do not alter, in any way, the disabled parking placard. Altered placards can be confiscated and a ticket issued to placard holder.
- Only a disabled veteran license plate, with a wheelchair logo, is allowed to use a disabled parking space, unless the vehicle owner also displays a current disabled parking placard. If you have this plate, no placard is needed.



## Sample of Colorado Disabled License Plates



- Individuals found altering, loaning out or misusing their placard can be barred from having a placard for one year or even longer.
- Never park any part of your vehicle in the striped space next to an accessible parking space. This is the access aisle for those that need to load/unload mobility equipment. Parking any part of your vehicle in this area could result in a ticket for violating the access aisle.
- Never obscure the disabled parking placard, in any way. Hanging decorations or other parking tags that block the view of the placard could result in a citation for an obscured placard. Officers must be able to read both the date and placard serial number to assure validity.

*\* For more information on handicap parking laws, contact your local city's parking division.*