

Lazy Is Not a Disability

The City of Edmonton reminds drivers that designated accessible parking stalls are meant only for people with the proper parking permits.

"There is simply no excuse for illegally parking in stalls designated for people with disabilities," said Mayor Don Iveson in proclaiming the week of November 25-29 [Accessible Parking Awareness Week](#). "By leaving accessible stalls for individuals who need them, we promote a safe, accessible, more livable Edmonton for everyone."

Drivers who park in accessible stalls without a permit may be putting fellow residents at risk.

"Without accessible parking, individuals with disabilities are often forced to travel distances beyond what is specified by a medical practitioner. This puts them in danger of physical harm," said Shauna Helm of Edmonton's Advisory Board on Services for Persons with Disabilities.

Drivers who violate accessible parking bylaws can receive a \$250 fine, plus have to foot the bill for towing and impound charges.

Parking permits for people with disabilities are issued by Alberta Transportation. For application forms, visit any Alberta Registry Agent or the [Service Alberta Driver-Vehicle Information](#) website.

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