

Keep accessible parking available for those in need

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The City of Edmonton proclaimed Nov. 21- 25, 2016 [Accessible Parking Awareness Week](#) to remind drivers to refrain from parking in designated accessible parking stalls meant for those with proper parking permits.

"These parking stalls are a necessity for people with disabilities, providing them with safe access to residences and businesses," said Mayor Don Iveson. "I urge all Edmontonians to work together to protect our fellow citizens and leave accessible parking stalls for persons with reduced mobility."

Drivers who use accessible parking stalls without any valid permit put fellow Edmontonians at risk.

"As the winter weather nears, accessible parking looks like a quick fix to stay out of the cold for a shorter time to quickly run errands" said Erin Jackson of Edmonton's Accessibility Advisory Committee. "These parking stalls accommodate people with mobility and other accessibility needs, and are especially important during the winter months. They should be kept open to ensure safety and ease of access for those who need them."

Vehicles parked in accessible parking stalls without a valid permit will be fined \$250 and could have their vehicle towed and impounded.

"Over the past three years, more than 10,000 tickets have been issued to people parked illegally in designated accessible parking stalls," said Erin Blaine, Parking Enforcement and Business Licensing Coordinator at City of Edmonton. "Each of these tickets represents a lost opportunity to the community of people who legally and rightfully need these spaces."

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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