

Van Accessible Parking



Graphic courtesy of ADA.

The Purpose of Van Accessible Parking

Van Accessible Parking allows room for people to load or unload a wheelchair, scooter, walker or similar device that is used to transport a person who has limited or no use of his or her legs.

Van Accessible Parking locations have an extra three feet of width compared to regular accessible parking spaces. This additional area gives the user room to deploy his or her ramp and/or safely remove and replace the equipment needed to transport the person.



Photo Courtesy of Research and Training Center on Independent Living-The University of Kansas.

If this area is blocked even a small amount, a person with a disability who requires the extra room may not be able to get out of or into his or her vehicle.

Numerous parking lots have only one or limited Van Accessible Parking locations available. This legislation ensures this parking space is utilized by those using a mobility device that needs the extra room to enter and exit the vehicle safely.

The Van Accessible Parking Act Arkansas Act 799

Enforcement of Act 799 went into effect January 1, 2019, to regulate Van Accessible Parking penalties. This bill defines authorized parking use of a Van Accessible Parking space via a Van Accessible Parking decal.



Van Accessible Parking spaces are indicated by the Van Accessible signs.

Act 799 also specifically defines that the vehicle authorized to park in the Van Accessible Parking space must be used to transport a person with limited or no use of his or her legs and uses a wheelchair, a three or four-wheeled scooter, a four-wheeled walker with a seat or similar device.

If convicted, the owner of the vehicle is subject to a fine of \$250-\$500 for the first offense, and \$500-\$1,000 for the second and subsequent offenses. The fine for a first offense shall be reduced to \$100 upon successful completion of a class designed by the Office of Motor Vehicles to promote awareness of the need for compliance with parking and related public accommodation requirements.

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The Van Accessible decal is an addition to an existing license plate or hang-tag for those with a qualifying disability who use a mobility device.

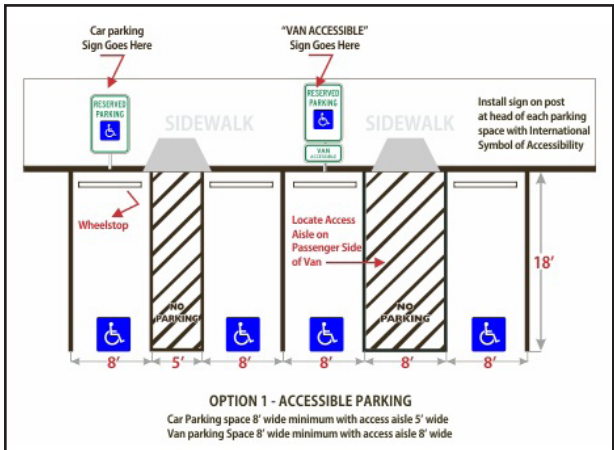
Those individuals who need a Van Accessible Parking decal must visit his or her local State Revenue Office to obtain the mandatory disability form. This required form must be taken to the individual's healthcare provider to validate he or she medically qualifies to secure the Van Accessible Parking decal. After receiving the proper documentation, State Revenue Offices will provide these Van Accessible Parking decals which affix to the left side window of his or her license plate.

The Van Accessible Parking Act states a vehicle displaying a Van Accessible Parking decal, a special license plate, a special certificate or a temporary special certificate and being used for the actual transporting of a person with a disability is permitted exclusive parking privileges in those areas designated for parking only by persons with the Van Accessible Parking decal, special license plate, or special certificate.

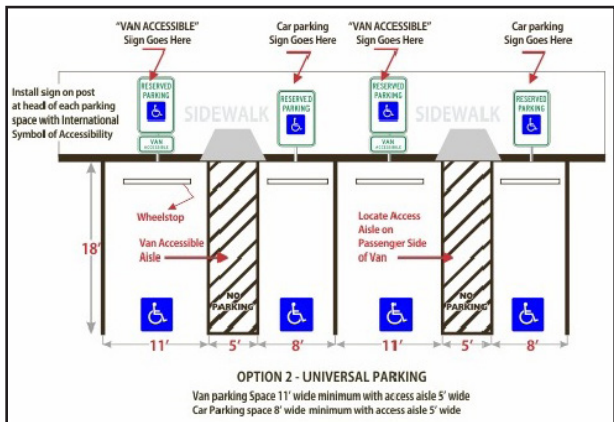


Three Feet Wider

Van Accessible Parking locations are three feet wider than regular accessible parking spaces for a total of 16 feet. Depending on the parking lot owner's choice, this extra three feet can either be in the parking space itself or the access aisle (the striped area beside the accessible parking space).



The graphic above (Option 1) shows the extra three feet for the Van Accessible Parking in the access aisle beside the parking space.



The graphic above (Option 2) shows the extra three feet for the Van Accessible Parking in the parking space itself.

It's the Law!

All violators abusing the disability rights of Van Accessible Parking spaces are subject to a fine as governed under Arkansas Law: Codes 27-15-305, 27-15-306 & 14-54-501. Law enforcement officers have clear authority to enforce the provisions of Act 799 on private and public property, such as at a mall, retailer, grocery store, private agency in the state and other public venues.

Parking is not allowed in an access aisle (the striped area used for van access) of a parking space. Officers may ticket any vehicle parked in the van access aisle whether or not it is displaying disability plates or a placard.

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