

**Mis-use of a Disabled Parking Blue Badge is a serious offence.**

Your badge can be withdrawn if mis-used. It is a summary offence for able bodied people to use a Blue Badge and to drive a vehicle displaying a Blue Badge, unless the badge is properly issued and displayed. **Maximum Fine for mis-use is £2,000.**

**Travelling off Island.**

The consultation between Isle of Man Government Cabinet Office and UK Authorities has concluded and resolved the issue of Isle of Man Disabled Parking Blue Badge use in the UK and other EU member states. However, - **YOU ARE ADVISED TO CHECK LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS WITH THE RELEVANT LOCAL AUTHORITY.**

**Renewal of a Disabled Parking Blue Badge.**

- Badges are normally issued for a period of 3 years.
- A Renewal Application form will be issued prior to expiry date.
- Your eligibility for a badge will be re-assessed at this time.
- If a badge is damaged, lost or stolen, please notify the Department of Health and Social Care immediately.

This leaflet can be provided in large print or audio tape, on request.

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**The Disabled Parking  
Blue Badge Scheme**

**Users Guide**



**Isle of Man  
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## **How to use the Disabled Parking Blue Badge.**

The Badge is for use by the holder only and must be displayed in the vehicle only while it is being used by the disabled person.

***The Badge must be removed from the vehicle at all other times.***

You must display the Disabled Parking Blue Badge on the fascia panel or dashboard of the vehicle with the side showing the **Disabled Symbol, Expiry Date and Serial Number facing outward.**

In disc parking zones you must **display a time clock.** You are entitled to **park double the length of the specified time.**

In designated Disabled Parking spaces you are entitled to **park for the specified time only.**

### **Douglas Car Parks.**

#### **Chester Street and Drumgold Street (M & S):**

Parking charges apply to **all** designated Disabled Parking spaces.

**One hour extra parking time** is allowed in addition to the time shown on the purchased parking ticket.

#### **Lord Street, Parade Street, Shaw's Brow, Bottleneck and Pulrose Road:**

Parking charges apply to all designated Disabled Parking spaces.

#### **Where to Park.**

- The badge does not in itself confer any right to park in places where parking is restricted.
- You may park in places reserved for the disabled which may be on a street or in a car park. These places are clearly marked.
- **It is illegal to park on double yellow lines in the Isle of Man.** However, at their discretion, the Police and Traffic Controllers may allow parking on double yellow lines, but for short periods only, when it is impractical for a disabled person to park in an official space.

You may only do this if:

1. Vehicle is not parked within 7m (23 feet) of a road junction.
2. Vehicle is not causing a danger or obstruction to other road users.
3. There is not a loading / unloading ban in operation.
4. Vehicle is not on the zigzag markings at a pedestrian crossing.
5. There are no double white lines in the centre of the road.

Remember, this is only a concession, and should not be mis-used. If it is mis-used or you park where it is dangerous, **you could be liable to prosecution.**

- **It is illegal to park Mobility Scooters in designated Disabled Parking Spaces.**

### **Your duties as a Disabled Parking Blue Badge Holder.**

The purpose of the Scheme is to allow you to visit shops and other places. You should use your badge with care and attention to the rules.

- **It is your responsibility** to ensure that the badge is used properly.
- It is in your own interest that the badge should retain the respect of other motorists. Please play your part.
- You must not allow other people to use the badge.
- To reduce the risk of this happening accidentally, you should remove the badge whenever you are not using the parking concessions.
- You must ensure that the details on the badge remain legible. If they become unreadable the badge must be returned to the Department of Health and Social Care for re-issue.
- You should not take advantage of concessions, if you do not intend to leave the car, use a car park.
- Do not use the Badge to allow able-bodied people to take advantage of the benefits whilst you sit in the car.