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GENERAL INFORMATION AND ADVICE

This brochure is a fact sheet giving an overview of the conditions of use of a parking card for people with disabilities in the different Member States of the European Union.

Before travelling to another country, read the rules in force in that country. In some cases you will need to ask for further information locally.

Use the information provided in the freestanding folder in the language of the country where you are travelling by displaying it next to your parking card. This information will provide the local authorities with an explanation that your card is based on the standardised Community model and that you should benefit from all associated parking facilities for disabled persons in that country.

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BELGIUM

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

PARKING ON ROADS

Do not park on roads where parking is prohibited.

In most areas you may park free of charge and without time limit on road where payment is required.

- ➲ Check locally.

You may park without time limit on roads where parking is free but restricted by time.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some car parks allow vehicles displaying the parking card to be parked free of charge but only in parking bays reserved for disabled people.

- ➲ Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

BULGARIA



GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

PARKING ON ROADS

For parking outside populated areas, the vehicles should stop outside the traffic roadway. Parking on the traffic roadway is prohibited.

In populated areas, the owner or the administration managing the road is allowed to designate areas, roads, or parts of roads as zones for short-term parking during certain hours. This time should not be less than 30 minutes and more than 3 hours.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

The parking areas are marked by road signs, road markings and notices instructing the driver about the parking terms. The corresponding municipal council is allowed to set a parking fee.



CZECH REPUBLIC

GENERAL

Only the holders of the badge O1 may park their vehicles in car parks reserved for disabled people marked with the badge O1.

PARKING ON ROADS

In individual cases, and if it is urgently necessary, the drivers with the badge O1 may ignore a "parking prohibited" signs for necessary time (safety and fluency of the road traffic must not be impaired).

In individual cases, and if it is urgently necessary, the cars displaying a badge O1 may ignore the following signs:

- "No entry"
- "For access only"
- "Supply only"
- "Except only"
- "Resident traffic"
- "Except resident traffic".

In individual cases, and if it is urgently necessary, the cars marked O1 can go to areas signposted "pedestrian zone".

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Check locally whether private car parks apply a special regime for disabled persons.

A person given an O1 badge may ask the administrative authority that a reserved parking place be established at his/her residence.



DENMARK

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

PARKING ON ROADS

The following time limits apply in most areas to vehicles displaying the parking card:

- where parking is prohibited you may park for up to 15 minutes, but only if you are not causing an obstruction;
- where parking is limited to 15-30 minutes, you may park for up to an hour;
- where parking is free but limited to one, two or three hours, you may park for an unlimited time.

In some areas you must pay to park on roads. If you pay for the maximum time allowed on arrival, you may be permitted to park without time limit.

➲ Check locally.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones unless local concessions specifically allow it.

➲ Check locally.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Car parks offer no concessions to vehicles displaying the parking card.



GERMANY

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol. Do not park if the space is marked with a person's name or vehicle registration number.

PARKING ON ROADS

- You may park for up to three hours on roads or in zones where parking is otherwise prohibited.
- You may exceed the parking time on roads or in zones where parking time is restricted.
- You may park free of charge in parking places where payment is required through pay and display machines or parking meters.
- You may park in parking places reserved for residents for up to three hours.
- You may park in restricted traffic zones and outside the designated parking places provided you do not hinder through traffic.
- Park in pedestrian zones only if local concessions explicitly allow it. Check locally. Even if it is permitted, you are only allowed to enter and park at specified times.

Note: These parking concessions only apply if there is no alternative parking option available nearby. The maximum time limit for parking cannot exceed 24 hours.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Regulations in car parks vary. Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.



ESTONIA

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

PARKING ON ROADS

You may be permitted to park on roads where parking is prohibited but only if the car is wholly parked on the footpath and if you are not causing an obstruction.

- ➲ You are strongly advised to check locally.

You may park free of charge and without time limit on roads where payment is required.

You may park without time limit on roads where parking is free but restricted by time.

A disabled driver should have no time limit for parking.

A driver of a disabled person may stop in order to pick up or set down a disabled person.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some car parks allow vehicles displaying the parking card to be parked free of charge. Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.



IRELAND

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

PARKING ON ROADS

Do not park on roads where parking is prohibited.

Parking charges and parking time concessions for vehicles displaying the parking card vary.

- ➲ Check locally.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

In some car parks, payment concessions are given to vehicles displaying the parking card.

- ➲ Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.



GREECE

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol. Do not park if the space is marked with a person's name or vehicle registration number.

PARKING ON ROADS

The use of the parking card allows parking on public roads or places for vehicle traffic, pedestrians or animals according to priority.

Do not park on roads where parking is prohibited.

In most areas you must pay to park where payment is required.

➲ Check locally.

In most areas you may park without time limit on roads where parking is free but restricted by time.

➲ Check locally.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some car parks allow vehicles displaying the parking card to be parked free of charge. Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.



SPAIN

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

PARKING ON ROADS

Do not park on roads where parking is prohibited unless local concessions specifically allow it.

- ➲ Check locally.

Parking charges and parking time limit concessions for vehicles displaying the parking card vary.

- ➲ Check locally.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones unless local concessions specifically allow it.

- ➲ Check locally.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

In most places car parks offer concessions to vehicles displaying the parking card.

- ➲ Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.



FRANCE

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

Although there is a national system of parking concessions, local variations can apply.

- ➲ Check locally.

Legislation insists on a free access to reserved parking places for disabled people and prohibits any kind of equipment which limits their access.

PARKING ON ROADS

Do not park on roads where parking is prohibited.

You must pay to park on roads where payment is required. In Paris and in some other cities, vehicles displaying the parking card may be parked on roads free of charge.

- ➲ Check locally.

In many areas you may park without time limit on roads where parking is free but restricted by time.

- ➲ Check locally.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Car parks give concessions to vehicles displaying the parking card.

- ➲ Check with car park notice or ask an attendant.



ITALY

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a yellow line and wheelchair symbol. Do not park if the space is marked with a person's name or vehicle registration number.

PARKING ON ROADS

You may park on roads where parking is prohibited but only in an emergency and only if you are not causing an obstruction.

In most areas you must pay to park where payment is required.

- ➲ Check locally.

You may park without time limit on roads where parking is free but restricted by time.

Do not drive or park in a pedestrian or ZTL (limited traffic areas) zones unless local concessions specifically allow it.

- ➲ Check locally.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

1 in 50 spaces in public car parks is marked for use by vehicles displaying the parking card. Vehicles displaying the parking card may be parked in those spaces free of charge.

- ➲ Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.



CYPRUS

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

PARKING ON ROADS

Do not park on roads where parking is prohibited.

You may park free of charge and without time limit on roads where payment is required.

- ➲ Check locally.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some public car parks allow vehicles displaying the parking card to be parked free of charge.

- ➲ Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.



LATVIA

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

PARKING ON ROADS.

You may park your car for free in the specially marked parking places for persons with disabilities.

Persons with a parking card for people with disabilities may ignore the following signs:

"Parking prohibited"

"Waiting prohibited".

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

No concessions are offered to vehicles displaying the parking card.



LITHUANIA

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

PARKING ON ROADS

You may park on roads where parking is prohibited but only if you are not causing an obstruction.

You may park free of charge and without time limit on roads where payment is required, but only in spaces marked with a wheelchair symbol.

You may park without time limit on roads where parking is free but restricted by time.

You may drive in a zone where traffic is prohibited

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some car parks allow vehicles displaying the parking card to park free of charge, but only in parking bays reserved for disabled people. Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.



LUXEMBOURG

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

PARKING ON ROADS

No concessions are offered to vehicles displaying the parking card.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

No concessions are offered to vehicles displaying the parking card.



HUNGARY

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

PARKING ON ROADS

You may park free of charge on roads where payment is required.

You may exceed the time limit on roads where parking is free but restricted by time.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some car parks allow vehicles displaying the parking card to park free of charge.

- ☛ Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.



MALTA

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

Details of parking concessions available to disabled people can be obtained from Maltese authorities at the following address:

The Director
Kummissjoni Nazzjonali Persuni b'Diżabilita'
Centru Hidma Socjali
Santa Venera
Malta
e-mail: helpdesk@knpd
www.knpd.org

PARKING ON ROADS

- ➲ Check locally.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

- ➲ Check locally.



NETHERLANDS

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol. Do not park if the space is marked with a person's name or vehicle registration number.

PARKING ON ROADS

You may park for up to three hours on roads where parking is prohibited, but only if you are not causing obstruction.

You must pay to park where payment is required and you must keep within the time limit. Local variations may apply.

➲ Check locally.

You may park without time limit on roads where parking is free but restricted by time (blue zone).

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

No concessions are offered to vehicles displaying the parking card.



AUSTRIA

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol. Do not park if the space is marked with a person's name or vehicle registration number.

PARKING ON ROADS

Do not park on roads where stopping and parking is prohibited.

In most areas you may park free of charge and without time limit where payment is required.

➲ Check locally.

You may park without time limit on roads where parking is free but restricted by time.

You may drive and park in pedestrian zones, but only during vehicle delivery access times.

➲ Check locally.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Public car parks offer no concessions to vehicles displaying the parking card.

POLAND



GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

Persons with a parking card for people with disabilities may, under the condition of keeping special precautions, disobey the following traffic signs:

- “No movement in both directions”
- “No entering for engine vehicles, with the exception of one-track motor bikes”
- “No entering for buses”
- “No entering for motor bikes”
- “No entering for motorized bicycles”
- “No parking”
- “No parking on odd days”
- “No parking on even days”
- “Area of restricted parking”.

The above mentioned provision applies also to:

- a person driving a vehicle, who carries a person with reduced mobility;
- members of a staff of the institutions which deal with the care, rehabilitation or education of persons with disabilities being under their care;
- drivers of vehicles displaying the parking card issued abroad.

PARKING ON ROADS

Do not park on roads where parking is prohibited. You may park free of charge and without time limit on roads where payment is required, but only in spaces marked with a wheelchair symbol.

- ➲ Check locally.



You may park on either side of the road where parking is restricted on odd and even days but only if you are not causing an obstruction.

- ➡ Check locally.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones unless local concessions specifically allow it.

- ➡ Check locally.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

No concessions are offered to vehicles displaying the parking card. But local variations may apply.

- ➡ Check locally.



PORtUGAL

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol or symbol of pregnant women or women with a child in her arms. Do not park if the space is marked with a name or vehicle registration number.

PARKING ON ROADS

Do not park on roads where parking is prohibited unless it is an absolute necessity and only if it is for a short time and does not obstruct vehicles or pedestrians.

You must pay to park on roads where payment is required and must not exceed the paid for time.

You must not exceed time limits on roads where time restrictions apply.

Parking places close to disabled persons' residences can be reserved.

- ⌚ Check locally.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Car parks generally do not offer concessions to vehicles displaying a disabled person's parking card.

Some local authorities establish a reserved parking place at the residence of a disabled person.



ROMANIA

GENERAL

Within parking spaces close to public utility buildings, as well as in organised parking, at least 4% of the total number of places, but not less than 2 places, are adapted, reserved and signalled through international sign to be used free of charge by disabled persons.

The administrator of the parking places in the public domain distributes free parking places for disabled people that asked for and need a parking place as close to their domicile as possible.



SLOVENIA

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

PARKING ON ROADS

You may park for up to two hours on roads where parking is prohibited but only if you are not causing an obstruction.

You must pay to park on roads where payment is required and keep within time limit.

Where you are permitted to park on pavements, you must ensure that at least 1,6m is available for pedestrians.

- ➲ Check locally.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some car parks allow vehicles displaying the parking card to be parked free of charge.

- ➲ Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.



SLOVAKIA

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol. The use of restricted parking areas is entitled to vehicles marked with the no. O1 symbol. Do not park if the space is marked with a vehicle registration number.

PARKING ON ROADS

The driver of a vehicle transporting a seriously handicapped person having to rely on individual transportation, marked with the no. O1 symbol is not obliged to adhere to parking prohibitions, provided the driver does not obstruct through traffic.

A vehicle with the no. O1 marking symbol can ignore the following signs:

"Except for Deliveries",
"Deliveries Only"
"Except for Transport Services"
"Transport Services".

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some car parks allow vehicles displaying the parking card to park free of charge or with a charge reduction.

- ➲ Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.



FINLAND

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol. Do not park if the space is marked with a person's name or vehicle registration number.

PARKING ON ROADS

In some areas you may park where parking is prohibited, but only if you are not causing an obstruction.

- ➲ Check locally.

You may park free of charge and exceed the time limit in areas where payment is required.

You may exceed the time limit in areas where parking is free but limited by time.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Regulations in car parks vary. Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.



SWEDEN

GENERAL

Parking cards exempt holders only from local road traffic regulations governing parking. Local traffic regulations are usually determined by the district authority and denoted by road signs.

Parking spaces reserved especially for the physically disabled with parking cards on road and in car parks are marked by a wheelchair symbol.

In some districts parking is free for those displaying a parking card.

PARKING ON ROADS

Parking for up to three hours is permitted in areas where parking is prohibited or permitted for shorter periods than three hours under local road traffic regulations.

- Parking for up to 24 hours is permitted in areas where parking is permitted for periods of between three hours and 24 hours under local traffic regulations.
- Parking in pedestrian precincts is permitted for up to three hours.
- Parking is permitted in parking spaces reserved for the physically disabled with a parking card under local road traffic regulations. The maximum parking time for the parking space in question must be observed.
- You may not park in parking spaces intended for a specific purpose or type of vehicle.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

The above rules set out under the heading parking on roads also apply to car parks. Landowners may forbid parking or lay.



UNITED KINGDOM

GENERAL

On roads and in car parks, parking places reserved for disabled people are marked with a wheelchair symbol.

The parking card is used in conjunction with a parking disc. However, people from other countries who display the parking card without a parking disc will be given the same concessions.

PARKING ON ROADS

No concessions are offered to vehicles displaying the parking card in Central London.

- ➲ Check locally.

You may park on roads where parking is prohibited unless there is a sign "no loading or unloading", and only if you are not causing an obstruction for:

- up to three hours in England and Wales;
- without time limit in Scotland and Northern Ireland unless local restrictions apply.

- ➲ Check locally.



You may park free of charge and without time limit on roads where payment is required unless signs indicate otherwise.

- ➲ Check locally.

You may park without time limit on roads where parking is free but restricted by time unless signs indicate otherwise.

- ➲ Check locally.

Do not drive or park in pedestrian zones unless local concessions specifically allow it.

- ➲ Check locally.

PARKING IN CAR PARKS

Some car parks allow vehicles displaying the Parking Card to be park free of charge.

Check with car park notices or ask an attendant.

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