

346.505 Stopping, standing or parking prohibited in parking spaces reserved for vehicles displaying special registration plates or special identification cards. (1)

The legislature finds that parking facilities which are open to use by the public without a permit, whether publicly or privately owned, are public places. By enacting this section the legislature intends to ensure that people who are physically disabled have clear and reasonable access to public places. The legislature, therefore urges the police, sheriff's and traffic departments of every unit of government and each authorized department of the state to enforce this section vigorously and see that all violations of this section are promptly prosecuted.

(2) (a) Except for a motor vehicle used by a physically disabled person as defined under s. 346.503 (1), no person may park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended and whether temporarily or otherwise, upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved, by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r)(a) or a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person.

(2) (b) No person may park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended and whether temporarily or otherwise, upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility **so as to obstruct, block or otherwise limit the use** of any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved, by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r)(a) or a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person.

(2) (c) Notwithstanding par. (b), **no person may park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended and whether temporarily or otherwise, upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility that is clearly marked as and intended to be an access aisle to provide entry to and exit from vehicles by persons with physical disabilities and which is immediately adjacent to any portion of a street, highway or parking facility, reserved by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r)(a) or a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a person with a physical disability.**

(3) (a) The owner of a vehicle involved in a violation of sub. (2) shall be liable for the violation as provided in this subsection.

(b) A member of a disabled parking enforcement assistance council under s. 349.145 who observes a violation of sub. (2), or any person who observes a violation of sub.(2)(c), may prepare a written report indicating that a violation has occurred. the report shall contain the following:

1. The time and location at which the violation occurred.
2. The license number and color of the vehicle involved in the violation.
3. Identification of the vehicle as an automobile, station wagon, motor truck, motor bus, motorcycle or other type of vehicle.

(c) Within 24 hours after observing the violation, the member may deliver the report to a traffic officer of the political subdivision in which the violation occurred. A report which does not contain all of the information in par. (b) shall nevertheless be delivered and shall be maintained by the political division for statistical purposes.

(d)(1) Within 48 hours after receiving a report containing all the information in par. (b) and after conducting an investigation, the traffic officer may prepare a uniform traffic citation under s. 345.11 for the violation and may personally serve it upon the owner of the vehicle.

(2) If with reasonable diligence the person cannot be served under subd.1 or if the person lives outside of the jurisdiction of the issuing authority, service may be made by certified mail addressed to the owner's last-known address.

(e) 1. Except as provided in subd. 2, it shall be no defense to a violation of subd. (2) that the owner was not in control of the vehicle at the time of the violation.

2. The following are defenses to a violation of sub. (2).

a. That a report that the vehicle was stolen was given to a traffic officer before the violation occurred or within a reasonable time after the violation occurred.

b. If the owner of the vehicle provides a traffic officer with the name and address of the person who was in control of the vehicle at the time of the violation and the person so named admitted having the vehicle under his or her control at the time of the violation, then that person and not the owner shall be charged with the violation.

c. If the vehicle is owned by a lesser of vehicles and at the time of the violation the vehicle was in the possession of a lessee, and the lesser provides a traffic officer with the information required under s. 343.46 (3), then the lessee and not the lesser shall be charged with the violation.

d. If the vehicle is owned by a dealer as defined in s. 340.01 (11) (intro) but including the persons specified in s. 340.01 (11) (a) to (d), and at the time of the violation the vehicle was under control of any person on a trial run, and if the dealer provides a traffic officer with the name, address and operator's license number of that person, then that person and not the dealer shall be charged with the violation.

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Wisconsin Disabled Identifications for Vehicles

All legally acceptable forms of disabled vehicle identification will include the international barrier-free symbol and the state jurisdictional seal.



Disabled Plates: Available for auto, motor home, dual purpose farm, dual purpose vehicle, and motor trucks through 8000 pounds, and 12,000 pound farm trucks.



Disabled Veteran Plates: Available for auto, motor home, dual purpose farm, dual purpose vehicle, and motor trucks through 8000 pounds, and 12,000 pound farm trucks. Must be a service related injury



Disabled Motorcycle Plate: has green numerals and legend on a white background or black numerals and legend on white background, or black numerals and legend on white background

Wisconsin Disabled Identification Cards for Vehicles



The 2 Identification card types above became invalid as of June 2, 1997 and have been illegal to use since.

Wisconsin, as of July 1, 1994, has begun to issue the new federally mandated hanging style Identification cards (below) which must be displayed hanging from the rear view mirror.



Individual permanent Must be recertified every 4 years.

Individual temporary Valid for maximum of 6 months only. May not be renewed.

Organizational Must be recertified every 4 years

The expiration dates are located near the bottom of the cards.



Motorcycles: A temporary card for motorcycles is available for qualified operation of these vehicles allowing identical parking privileges to the DIS and VET plates. The card is red on white and is displayed on the rear of the cycle, along with the valid cycle license plate. The card contains an identifying number and date of expiration in the lower right corner.

Trans 130.05 Use. (1) DISPLAY. When in use for a parked vehicle, the card shall be displayed so the information on the card is clearly visible outside of the vehicle. If the card is manufactured so as to be suspended, the card shall be hung from the rear view mirror.

(2) RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS. (a) No person or organization may duplicate, reproduce or copy any card, unless directed to do so by the department.

(b) A temporary card may not be issued for a period of more than 6 months.

(c) Special registration plates shall only be issued for permanent disabilities.

(d) The certification of a person's eligibility for a card or registration plates by a U.S. department of veterans affairs representative is not to be considered as a claim for veterans' affairs benefits.

(e) No organization may be issued a temporary card.

(f) A card issued to an organization shall be used only for a motor vehicle operated by or on behalf of the organization when transporting persons as defined in s. Trans 130.02 (6). This includes the following:

1. A motor vehicle owned or leased by the organization and operated by an authorized employee or volunteer worker.

2. A motor vehicle owned or leased by someone other than the organization, but operated by an authorized employee of the organization or volunteer worker on behalf of the organization.

(g) No organization may be issued more cards than the total number of motor vehicles operated by or on behalf of the organization to regularly transport persons as defined in s. Trans 130.02 (6).

(h) A person who has special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1a), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a), Stats., may be issued no more than one card.

(i) A person who has no special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a), Stats., may be issued no more than 2 cards.

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343.52 Unlawful use of special identification cards.(1) Any person or organization who does any of the following may be required to forfeit not more than \$200.

(a) Lends to another a special identification card issued under s. 343.51, knowing that the person borrowing the card is not authorized by law to use it; or

(b) Displays a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 upon a vehicle which is not authorized by law to have the card displayed thereon.

(c) Knowingly provides information that is false or misleading in any material respect on an application for a special identification card under 341.51

(d) Knowingly provides information that is false or misleading in any material respect in a statement specified in s.343.51(1) submitted in support of an application for a special identification card under s.343.51

(1m)Any person or organization that fraudulently procures, alters, makes, reproduces, or duplicates a special identification card issued under s. 343.51, except as authorized by the department shall forfeit not less than \$200 or no more than \$500.

(2) The department shall cancel the special registration card of any person or organization who improperly uses a card under sub. 1 or who reproduces or fraudulently procures, alters or uses a card under subd. (1m). The department may order a person or organization whose identification has expired or has been cancelled to surrender the card to the department. The department may take possession of any expired identification card or any identification card required to be cancelled or may direct any traffic officer to take possession thereof and return it to the department.

341.625 Special Registration plates. (1) Any person who fraudulently procures or uses special registration plates issued under 341.14 (1),(1a),(1e),(1m),(1q) or (1r) (a) shall forfeit not less than \$200 nor more than \$500.