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As Attorney General, it is my job to ensure that all Illinois residents, including people with disabilities, receive equal protection under the law. I am committed to working on behalf of people with disabilities to provide them with complete accessibility.

My office's Disability Rights Bureau employs a full-time staff that strives to make schools, the workplace, and all public facilities open and available to everyone.

Questions and complaints about accessible parking represent one of the largest categories of inquiries to the Bureau. I hope that this brochure provides you with a clear understanding of the accessible parking laws.

If you have a question, see an improperly marked accessible parking space or find a facility without any accessible parking spaces, please contact the Disability Rights Bureau.

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If you see an improperly marked accessible parking space, or facilities with no such spaces, you can contact the Disability Rights Bureau with your complaint.

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**ACCESSIBLE
PARKING**

**FOR PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES**

A GUIDE TO YOUR
RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW



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Accessible Parking: Know the Rules

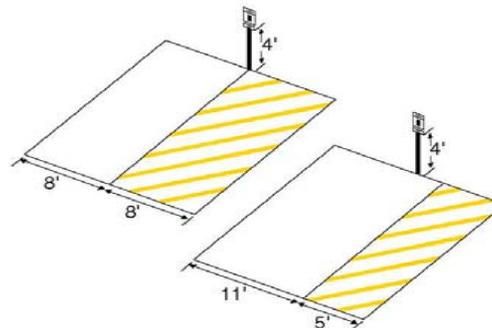
Any facility offering parking for employees or visitors must provide accessible parking for people with disabilities. An accessible parking space consists of a vehicle space and a diagonally striped access aisle. The entire space must be kept clear of obstructions—including ice, snow, shopping cart corrals, trash cans, seasonal garden displays, and bicycle racks—at all times.



Above: Example of an accessible parking space that complies with Illinois law.

SIZE AND MARKINGS

Each accessible parking space, except on-street spaces, shall be 16 feet wide, including either an eight-foot or five-foot wide diagonally striped access aisle. The access aisle can be located on either side of the vehicle portion of the accessible space. High-quality yellow paint, manufactured especially for pavement striping, must be used. Adjacent accessible parking spaces cannot share a common access aisle.



Above: Illustration of two examples of legal accessible parking spaces.

LOCATION

Accessible parking must be placed on level pavement on the shortest accessible route to an accessible entrance. The accessible route, which may include a curb ramp or curb cut, must be installed as close as possible to the accessible entrance it serves. Additionally, a curb ramp must never be built so that it protrudes into or interferes with the diagonally striped access aisle of an accessible space.

SIGNS

A U.S. Department of Transportation R7-8 (Reserved Parking) and an R7-I101 (\$250 Fine) sign must be permanently mounted in the center of the 16-foot wide accessible parking space. The signs must be placed no more than five feet from the front of the parking space and must be high enough so that they are visible over a parked car. At minimum, the bottom of the R7-I101 sign must be four feet from the pavement. Municipalities may impose a larger fine (up to \$350) through the adoption of a local ordinance.

PROPER USE OF LICENSE PLATES/PLACARDS

Under Illinois law, disability license plates, disabled veterans plates and placards are not transferable. The authorized holder must be present and must enter or exit the vehicle at the time the parking privileges are being used. Unauthorized use can result in a \$500 fine, driver's license suspension, and suspension or revocation of the plate or placard by the Illinois Secretary of State.

SPACE REQUIREMENTS

To comply with Illinois law, a minimum number of accessible parking spaces must be provided:

Total Off-Street Parking Spaces Provided	Number of Accessible Parking Spaces Required
1 to 25	1
26 to 50	2
51 to 75	3
76 to 100	4
101 to 150	5
151 to 200	6
201 to 300	7
301 to 400	8
401 to 500	9
501 to 1,000	2% of total
over 1,000	20 plus 1 for each 100 over 1,000

Outpatient facilities providing medical care and other services for persons with mobility impairments 10% of total

Medical facilities specializing in treatment of persons with mobility impairments 20% of total

Proposed Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities

in the Public Right-of-Way

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R214 On-Street Parking Spaces

Where on-street parking is provided on the block perimeter and the parking is marked or metered, a minimum number of parking spaces must be accessible and comply with the technical requirements for parking spaces in Chapter R3. For every 25 parking spaces on the block perimeter up to 100 spaces, one parking space must be accessible. For every additional 50 parking spaces on the block perimeter between 101 and 200 spaces, an additional parking space must be accessible. Where more than 200 parking spaces are provided on the block perimeter, 4 percent of the parking spaces must be accessible. Metered parking includes parking metered by parking pay stations. Where parking is metered by parking pay stations and the parking is not marked, each 6.1 meters (20 feet) of the block perimeter where parking is permitted is counted as one parking space for determining the minimum number of accessible parking spaces.

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shall provide a minimum clear space complying with R404 entirely within the shelter. Where seating is provided within transit shelters, the clear space shall be located either at one end of a seat or shall not overlap the area within 460 mm (1.5 ft) from the front edge of the seat. Environmental controls within transit shelters shall be proximity-actuated. Protruding objects within transit shelters shall comply with R402.

Advisory R308.2 Transit Shelters. The clear space must be located entirely within the transit shelter and not interfere with other persons using the seating.

R309 On-Street Parking Spaces

R309.1 General. On-street parking spaces shall comply with R309.

Advisory R309.1 General. R214 specifies how many accessible parking spaces must be provided on the block perimeter where on-street parking is marked or metered. Accessible parking spaces must be identified by signs displaying the International Symbol of Accessibility (see R211.3 and R411). Accessible parking spaces should be located where the street has the least crown and grade and close to key destinations.

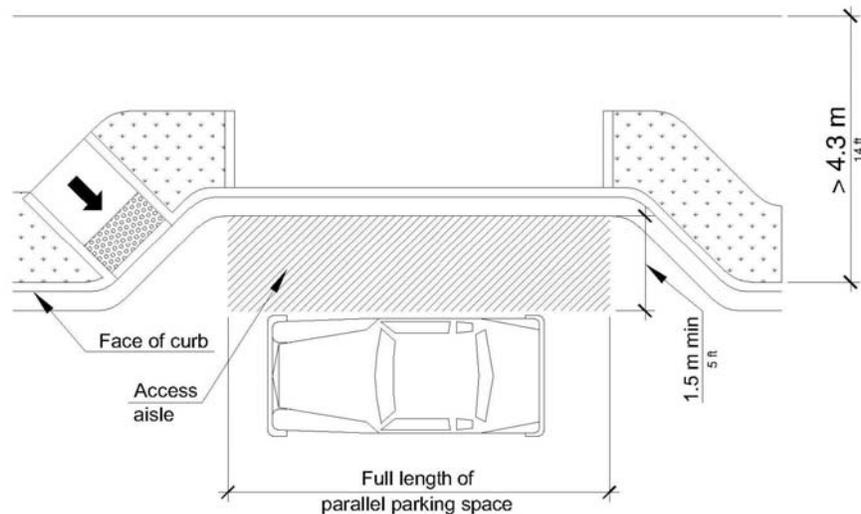
R309.2 Parallel Parking Spaces. Parallel parking spaces shall comply with R309.2.

Advisory R309.2 Parallel Parking Spaces. The sidewalk adjacent to accessible parallel parking spaces should be free of signs, street furniture, and other obstructions to permit deployment of a van side-lift or ramp or the vehicle occupant to transfer to a wheelchair or scooter. Accessible parallel parking spaces located at the end of the block face are usable by vans that have rear lifts and cars that have scooter platforms.

R309.2.1 Wide Sidewalks. Where the width of the adjacent sidewalk or available right-of-way exceeds 4.3 m (14.0 ft), an access aisle 1.5 m (5.0 ft) wide minimum shall be provided at street level the full length of the parking space and shall connect to a pedestrian access route. The access aisle shall comply with R302.7 and shall not encroach on the vehicular travel lane.

Advisory R309.2.1 Wide Sidewalks. Vehicles may park at the curb or at the parking lane boundary and use the space required by R309.2.1 on either the driver or passenger side of the vehicle to serve as the access aisle.

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**Figure R309.2.1
Wide Sidewalks**

R309.2.1.1 Alterations. In alterations where the street or sidewalk adjacent to the parking spaces is not altered, an access aisle shall not be required provided the parking spaces are located at the end of the block face.

R309.2.2 Narrow Sidewalks. An access aisle is not required where the width of the adjacent sidewalk or the available right-of-way is less than or equal to 4.3 m (14.0 ft). When an access aisle is not provided, the parking spaces shall be located at the end of the block face.

Advisory R309.2.2 Narrow Sidewalks. Vehicle lifts or ramps can be deployed on a 2.4 m (8.0 ft) sidewalk if there are no obstructions.

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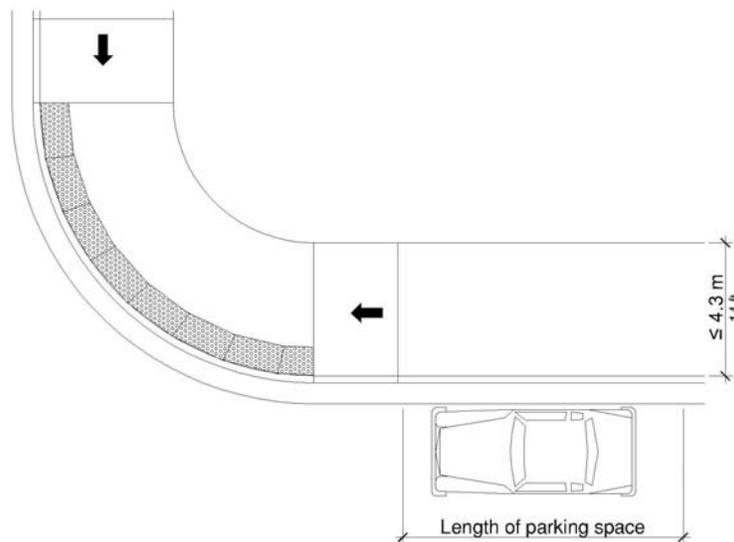


Figure R309.2.2
Narrow Sidewalks

R309.3 Perpendicular or Angled Parking Spaces. Where perpendicular or angled parking is provided, an access aisle 2.4 m (8.0 ft) wide minimum shall be provided at street level the full length of the parking space and shall connect to a pedestrian access route. The access aisle shall comply with R302.7 and shall be marked so as to discourage parking in the access aisle. Two parking spaces are permitted to share a common access aisle.

Advisory R309.3 Perpendicular or Angled Parking Spaces. Perpendicular and angled parking spaces permit the deployment of a van side-lift or ramp.

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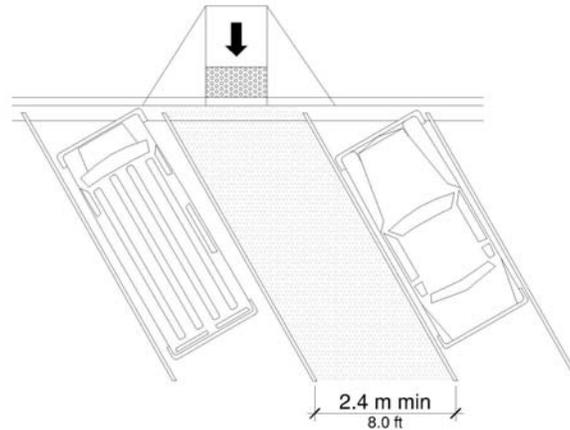


Figure R309.3
Perpendicular or Angled Parking Spaces

R309.4 Curb Ramps or Blended Transitions. Curb ramps or blended transitions complying with R304 shall connect the access aisle to the pedestrian access route. Curb ramps shall not be located within the access aisle.

Advisory R309.4 Curb Ramps or Blended Transitions. At parallel parking spaces, curb ramps and blended transitions should be located so that a van side-lift or ramp can be deployed to the sidewalk and the vehicle occupant can transfer to a wheelchair or scooter. Parking spaces at the end of the block face can be served by curb ramps or blended transitions at the pedestrian street crossing. Detectable warning surfaces are not required on curb ramps and blended transitions that connect the access aisle to the sidewalk, including where the sidewalk is at the same level as the parking spaces, unless the curb ramps and blended transitions also serve pedestrian street crossings (see R208).

R309.5 Parking Meters and Parking Pay Stations. Parking meters and parking pay stations that serve accessible parking spaces shall comply with R309.5. Operable parts shall comply with R403.

R309.5.1 Location. At accessible parallel parking spaces, parking meters shall be located at the head or foot of the parking space.

Advisory R309.5.1 Location. Locating parking meters at the head or foot of the parking space permits deployment of a van side-lift or ramp or the vehicle occupant to transfer to a wheelchair or scooter.