Americans with Disabilities Act Parking Accommodations

A. General Information

The University Park Campus of The Pennsylvania State University has taken every opportunity to make the campus accessible to drivers and passengers with disabilities. Regular and van accessible parking spaces exist on campus to meet the needs of visitors, students and faculty/staff members.

There are two different signs (Figures 1 and 2) designating open (non-metered) handicap parking spaces on campus:

1. Figure A designates a space that is open to anyone with a state issued handicap parking placard or license plate and the appropriate Penn State Permit parking permit.

2. Figure B designates a space that is reserved for a specific permit holder and is specified by permit number on the sign. That space is not to be used by anyone other than the specific permit holder at any time.

B. PARKING OPTIONS FOR VISITORS WITH DISABILITIES

(For ADA football parking information see Penn State’s Intercollegiate Athletics website http://www.gopsusports.com/tickets/ada-information.html ).

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C. Faculty/Staff members

Faculty/Staff members possessing a current person with disability plate or placard must also display a lot appropriate permit for the location in which they are parking. Faculty/Staff members who are engaging in official business away from their home unit may park in a core lot with an open staff permit. However, regular use of a core area with an open staff permit may result in the revocation or all parking privileges. There are a few ADA parking spaces that are reserved for specific individuals and are identified by the individuals parking permit number on the sign. Only the person to whom that space is currently assigned may use that space. Should all ADA spaces in a lot be filled, a vehicle bearing the appropriate Penn State permit and a state issued ADA plate or placard may park in any regular space that is not restricted by signs or meters in that lot.

D. Students

Students possessing a current person with disability plate or placard must also display a base student Penn State permit and a core area upgrade permit. Individuals who require access to marked accessible parking spaces must apply for a state-issued accessible parking placard. Applications and information are available from the Parking Office, 1 Eisenhower Parking Deck. Penn State is NOT authorized to issue accessible parking placards. All accessible parking placards, permanent or temporary, must be obtained through the state. Both the ADA placard and the appropriate PSU parking permit must be displayed.

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Figure A. Figure B. Figure C.

1. Temporary Disability(ies). According to the Americans With Disabilities Act, “temporary, non-chronic impairments that do not last for a long time and that have little or no long term impact (e.g., broken limbs, sprains, concussions) are usually not disabilities.”

2. Figure B designates a space that is reserved for a specific permit holder and is specified by permit number on the sign. That space is not to be used by anyone other than the specific permit holder at any time.

3. Figure C is an example of a non ADA accessible reserved space. These spaces are found in most lots on campus, so be sure to pay specific attention to the signage within the lots.

4. Disabled persons (temporary or permanent) Transportation Services offers a campus-wide, ADA compliant, mass transit system. In most cases, transit services will provide closer access to destination than appropriate parking spaces. Schedules are available at the Parking Office and from our website (www.transportation.psu.edu).

The University Park Campus of The Pennsylvania State University is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to programs, facilities, admission, and employment without regard to personal characteristics not related to ability, performance, or qualifications as determined by University policy or by state or federal authorities. The Pennsylvania State University does not discriminate against any person because of age, ancestry, color, disability or handicap, national origin, race, religious creed, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Direct all affirmative action inquiries to the Affirmative Action Office, The Pennsylvania State University, 201 W.Ward Building, University Park, PA 16802-2801.