

2018 Report

National Survey on Accessible Parking and Disabled Placard Abuse

How often do you have problems finding accessible parking in your community?



Percentage of respondents who believe enforcement of wrongful use of disabled placards is inadequate:



About the Accessible Parking Coalition

Established by the International Parking & Mobility Institute (formerly IPI), the mission of the **Accessible Parking Coalition** (APC) is to eliminate disabled placard abuse and improve access to parking for people with disabilities.

Founding Members

- American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA)
- American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)
- Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL)
- International Parking & Mobility Institute (IPMI)
- National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), part of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)
- National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR), part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)
- Research and Training, Center on Independent Living at the University of Kansas
- Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities
- United Spinal Association
- U.S. Access Board

About the survey: In late 2017, an online survey was distributed to people with disabilities through APC member advocacy groups. The large number of respondents (close to 4,000) makes this survey reasonably representative of people with mobility disabilities in the U.S.

Where do you most often have problems finding accessible parking?

Top Answers:

1. Main street (65%)**6.** Sports arenas (37%)2. Shopping centers (64%) 7. Office parks/ corporations (32%)**3.** Shopping malls (62%)8. Airports (26%)**4.** Grocery stores (61%) Colleges/universities (26%) Hospitals/medical centers (54%)10. Schools (26%)

Percentage of respondents who agree accessible parking fraud is widespread:



Which obstacles are you most likely to encounter that prevent exiting your vehicle?

Top Answers:

Other vehicles parked too close (82%)
Curbs (54%)
Other* (19%)
Trees (16%)

4. Irees (16%) **5.** Planters (15%) **6.** Parking meters (13%)

7. Bike racks (6%) **8.** Benches (3%)

*Under "other," the most cited obstacles included cars, motorcycles, shopping carts, ice/snow, and sloped ground.

Note: In some cases percentages add up to more than 100 percent because multiple responses were accepted.

Parking Matters® to People with Disabilities

96%

say parking availability is important to leading an independent life.



say their decision to drive or ride is influenced by parking availability.



would be more likely to drive or ride if more parking was available.



have decided not to make a trip because of concerns about finding parking.