

Washington State Disabled Parking Permits

Information for Medical Providers: Supporting Patients with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Other Neurodevelopmental Disabilities

A disability parking placard allows your patient and their family to park close to the entrance of medical/dental offices, hospitals, grocery stores, shopping centers, etc. Individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) or other neurodevelopmental disabilities may meet criteria based on associated functional limitations.



Eligibility Considerations



Qualifying conditions include:

- Inability to walk 200 feet without stopping to rest or must use assistive device
- Walking severely limited due to arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition
- Uses portable oxygen or walking restricted by lung disease
- Class III or IV impairment by cardiovascular disease
- Acute sensitivity to auto emissions that limits ability to walk
- Legally blind with limited mobility
- Restricted by porphyria (applicant benefits from a decrease in exposure to light)



Documentation

- You must provide a separate signed authorization stating: (1) the patient/applicant's name and (2) they have a condition which qualifies them for disabled parking privileges.
 - Eligibility may be based on the neurodevelopmental condition's impact on functional safety.
 - Patients with ASD and functional safety concerns can qualify under "walking severely limited due to arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition" with the neurologic condition being autism with adaptive delays regarding safety.
 - Example of wording: "This patient has a neurological disorder (autism spectrum disorder) and demonstrates impaired adaptive functioning including elopement behavior, lack of danger awareness, and not responding to verbal cues such as their name or commands to stop."
- This authorization must be on prescription paper or your office letterhead.
- It is important to document concerns, such as elopement, limited danger awareness, and communication barriers.



Key Considerations for Providers

- Consider both physical and behavioral safety limitations.
- Use language in documentation that reflects functional impairments rather than diagnosis alone.
- Educate families on appropriate use of the permit: only use when the child is with them.

Application Form Languages

The Disabled Parking Application for Individuals is available in the following languages to support linguistically diverse families:

- English
- Spanish (Español)
- Vietnamese (Tiếng Việt)
- Russian (Русский)
- Arabic (العربية)
- Japanese (日本語)
- Korean (한국어)
- Punjabi (ਪੰਜਾਬੀ)
- Tagalog
- Ukrainian (українська)
- Chinese (中文)

Download multilingual versions at the WA Department of Licensing:

https://dol.wa.gov/forms/view?field_form_id_value=420073

Resources

- WA DOL Disabled Parking Permits: <https://dol.wa.gov/driver-licenses-and-permits/get-or-renew-disabled-parking-permits>
- Customer Service: 360-902-3770 | TTY: Call 711

See “**Miss Shayla’s Resource List**” to share with families who have loved ones with intellectual and developmental disabilities –The Disability Parking Placard is one of the most requested resources. This sheet has additional information for providers about how to fill out the application. Miss Shayla’s List in English and Spanish: <https://medicalhome.org/quick-key-resources/shaylas-list-family-support/>

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