



APPROPRIATE USE OF AN ACCESSIBLE PARKING PERMIT

Re: Appropriate Use of an Accessible Parking Permit (APP)

The Province of Ontario's Accessible Parking Permit (APP) is issued by the Ministry of Transportation and Communication to a person with a physical disability and is valid only when the vehicle is being utilized by the permit holder. If a driver has a family member or friend with a disability, the driver may park the vehicle in an accessible parking space if the permit holder is with the driver when the vehicle is parked and the APP is visibly displayed.

Permit holders must ensure that the entire APP is placed to be clearly in view. Therefore whenever parked on a roadway (e.g. on-street parking) place the APP on the curb side of the vehicle so that it is visible from the sidewalk.

If the driver drops a permit holder off at the entrance to the destination, the driver is NOT permitted to park the vehicle in the accessible parking space. These spaces are for use by persons with a disability who have a valid APP and valid only when they are exiting the vehicle from the parking space.

The Accessible Parking Permit is NOT a family pass, nor is it to be used by anyone other than the person named on the APP.

Reference: <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/dandv/vehicle/app.shtml>

Excerpt from the Ministry of Transportation of the Province of Ontario regarding the APP:

Accessible Parking Permit (APP):

The Accessible Parking Permit (APP) is issued to individuals and entitles the vehicle in which it is displayed to be parked in a designated accessible parking space. **The individual to whom the permit is issued must be in the vehicle and the permit must be visibly displayed on the dashboard or sun visor** when it is parked in the designated accessible parking space. The permit holder may use the permit in any vehicle in which they are travelling. There is no fee for an APP.

To report parking related violations in the City of St. Catharines contact:

City of St. Catharines, Parking Enforcement
50 Church Street, St. Catharines, ON L2R 7C2
905-688-5601, ext. # 1429
905-688-4TTY (4889) TTY enabled service

To report misuse of an Accessible Parking Permit (APP) contact:

Niagara Regional Police, Community Policing Department
68 Church Street, St. Catharines, ON L2R 3C6
905-688-4111, ext. #4374