

Parking, the road rules and you

Parking and traffic laws exist to ensure the safe and fair use of Victoria's roads for the benefit of everyone.

Your responsibility

As a licensed driver, you are expected to be aware of the road rules and adhere to them at all times. Failure to obey the road rules can lead to receipt of a parking infringement. If this infringement is not paid, statutory costs and legal action may result.

Council responsibility

We must ensure that:

- parking spaces are shared fairly by the community
- motor and pedestrian traffic is not obstructed or inconvenienced
- any danger caused by unsafe parking is minimised

Parking for too long



Time limits are set on parking spaces to allow as many people as possible to have access to an area.

Where a parking control sign applies to a length of road or an area, you must not park there continuously for longer than the period allowed.

This sign means you park only for 15 minutes from 8am to 5pm on school days.

Parking correctly

You must park within the marked lines of a parking bay. A driver cannot stop on a bicycle path, footpath, shared path, dividing strip, or a nature strip adjacent to a length of road in a built-up area, unless there is permissive signage.



No Stopping means no stopping at all. This means you cannot stop even if you are only letting someone out of the car, and regardless of whether you leave the engine running and stay in the car.

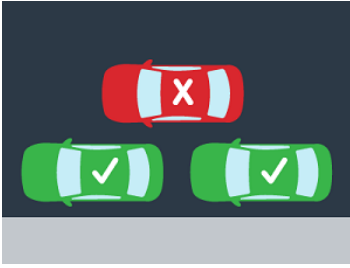
No stopping zones can also be defined by yellow kerb markings



No Parking zones are designed to allow more vehicles to stop briefly to drop off or pick up children.

You can stop in a No Parking space for up to 2 minutes only.

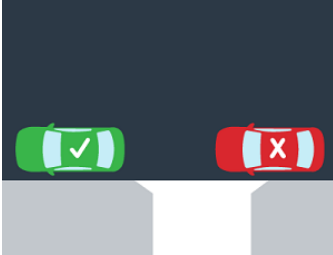
Drivers must stay within 3 metres of their car.



It is an offence to double park.

When parking in a two-way street you must park on the left hand side of the road. Your vehicle must face the direction of travel, that is: passenger side must be parked to the kerb and not the steering wheel side, except in a one-way street.

Driveways



Drivers must not park across a driveway and always allow clear passage for access and egress.

Drivers must not park in a driveway whilst waiting to pick up or when dropping off a student.

Accessible parking



An accessible parking space can only be used by someone with a blue-on-white disabled parking permit, or by a driver who is parking the car so that the disabled permit holder can get in or out of the car. Permits are only valid when the disabled person is travelling in the vehicle.

The driver must give his/her name and address and produce his/ her driver's licence and the permit when asked to do so by police or a parking officer.

Parking safety tips

If you park on the roads or streets around your children's school:

1. Allow enough time to take your child to school safely. Consider parking a little bit further away and walking along one of our Active Path routes to school. Active path routes for all schools are on [Council's website](#).
 2. Observe all traffic control signs and the directions of the school crossing supervisors.
 3. Plan with your child when and where they can be picked up safely. Find locations where it is safe to get out of the car and cross the road.
 4. NEVER call your child across the road. *Running across the road is dangerous for your child.*
- ✓ We want to ensure the safety of our children, other pedestrians and motorists around our streets and the school.
 - ✓ Children are both vulnerable and often act on impulse. It is important for adults to lead by example and set good road safety practices when crossing roads.
 - ✓ Please follow these rules for the safety of your children and also the classmates and friends of your children.
 - ✓ If every parent follows these rules, it will be safer for all school children.