



How to use your BLUE BADGE



As a Blue Badge holder, you are responsible for making sure that your badge is used correctly. The Blue Badge belongs to you, rather than to a vehicle, so you can use it in any car. This includes taxis and hire cars that you are driving or travelling in as a passenger.

Make sure that you as the Blue Badge holder, and anyone who uses it while driving you, understand and comply with the rules for use:

- You can only use your Blue Badge if you are a driver or a passenger in the car.
- Don't let other people use your Blue Badge - that includes family members, friends or carers.
- Don't use your Blue Badge to get a parking space if you are not getting out of the vehicle.
- Make sure your badge is displayed correctly. The number should be face up so it can be seen clearly and your photograph should be face down. You could be fined if you don't display the badge properly.
- When parking the car, always check the signs to make sure that Blue Badge holders are allowed to park there.
- Apply for a new badge before your old one runs out.
- If your badge gets damaged, apply for a new one as soon as you can.
- Keep your Blue Badge safe. If it is lost or stolen, you must tell the police or your local council.

The Blue Badge remains the property of the local authority that issued it. The local authority can ask you to return the badge if it is being misused.

To find out more about your rights and responsibilities as a Blue Badge holder

www.mygov.scot/blue-badge-scheme

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Remember: No-one else can borrow or use your Blue Badge unless you are with them in the vehicle for the journey.

Parking a vehicle with a Blue Badge

Having a Blue Badge doesn't let you park anywhere. You still need to comply with parking regulations. You can be fined if you:

- Park somewhere that puts people in danger, such as outside a school on yellow zig zags or at a pedestrian crossing on white zig zags.
- Park near a junction or anywhere that obstructs other road users.
- Park on a single or double yellow line while you are waiting in your car.

You must never give the badge or friends or family to allow them to make use of parking concessions.

Misuse of the Blue Badge

Aberdeen City Council is committed to protecting the rights of genuine Blue Badge users. We will investigate all reports of alleged Blue Badge misuse or fraud.

Examples of misuse include:

- Giving the Blue Badge to someone else to use when you are not present in the car.
- Using your Blue Badge when you no longer need it, or when it has expired.
- When someone visiting you at home or meeting you elsewhere displays your Blue Badge to gain a parking concession.
- Any other kind of dishonesty or deception in obtaining or using a Blue Badge.

If you or someone else deliberately misuses your Blue Badge, either or both of you could be reported to the Procurator Fiscal, fined up to £1000 and receive a conviction for fraud or dishonesty.

How to report misuse of a Blue Badge

If you are aware of someone who is misusing a Blue Badge, or using one that is stolen or does not belong to them, please report it to the Blue Badge Enforcement Officer at Aberdeen City Council. You can phone 01224 523526 or report it online at www.report-fraud.co.uk/aberdeencity

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