

## Accessible Parking for Persons with Disabilities

Because of recent publicity on the subject, LISH has received numerous calls on the subject matter. We provided most of the information on signage in our February LISH Report. It provided copies and dimensions of the required signage, and the space requirements. What we didn't show was who was covered. The following covers that.

The number of accessible parking spaces that should be provided is based on the total number of parking spaces that you provide. For example, if your parking lot has 25 or fewer spaces, then 1 should be an accessible parking space. If it has 50 or fewer spaces, it should have 2 accessible parking spaces.

If you provide only one accessible parking space, it also must be a van accessible space. In facilities where more than one accessible parking space is required, one of eight accessible parking spaces must be van accessible.

Where parking is provided in several locations near building entrances, the accessible parking should also be dispersed, if doing so is readily achievable. Since van accessible parking spaces are provided in limited numbers, it is often not possible to disperse the van accessible parking spaces.

When parking is provided for the public, designated accessible parking spaces must be provided, if doing so is **readily achievable**. An accessible parking space must have space for the vehicle and an additional space located either to the right or to the left of the space that serves as an access aisle. This aisle is needed to permit a person using a wheelchair, electric scooter, or other mobility device to get out of their car or van. A sign with the international symbol of accessibility must be located in front of the parking space and mounted high enough so it is not hidden by a vehicle parked in the space.

Accessible parking spaces should be the spaces closest to the accessible entrance and be located on level ground. If it is not readily achievable to locate accessible parking in the closest spaces due to sloped pavement or other existing conditions, then the closest level area should be selected. An accessible route must be provided between the access aisle and the accessible building entrance. This route must have no steps or steeply sloped surfaces and it must have a firm, stable, slip-resistant surface.

Van accessible spaces must have an access aisle that is at least eight-feet wide and be designated by a sign with the international symbol and "van accessible." There should be a vertical clearance of at least 98 inches on the vehicular route to the space, at the parking space, and along the vehicular route to an exit.

If you didn't save your February LISH Report, we have posted the information on our website at:

**[www.viphawaii.com/lish](http://www.viphawaii.com/lish)**

Look under ADA Parking Bulletins

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