Blue Badge Holders

Basic Parking Rules For Blue Badge Holders In London:

• Never stop where your vehicle will cause an obstruction to traffic or pedestrians

• Never stop on white 'zig zag' safety markings

• Never double park or stop at junction corners

• Never park on the pavement (even two wheels) unless there are signs indicating it is legal to do so

• Never park anywhere where there is a loading ban in place

• Observe the special rules for Central London and Heathrow Airport.

Yellow Line Dispensation Single or double yellow lines indicate a parking ban. The times when parking is prohibited is shown on a yellow 'no parking' sign (if there is no sign you are in a Controlled Parking Zone the times are on the zone entry sign). Outside the prohibited parking times you can park without restriction provided you do not cause an obstruction. An Blue Badge Holder may stop on a yellow line (single or double) for up to three hours except where is a loading ban in place. The Blue Badge Holder ID must be displayed on the dashboard of the car, and the clock set to indicate the arrival time. If you leave the vehicle for more than 3 hours you may get a parking ticket. Blue Badges do not grant any exemption when there is a loading ban in place. A loading ban is shown by yellow 'stripes' on the kerb above the yellow line. The times of the loading ban are shown on a white sign beneath the yellow 'no parking' sign. Outside of the loading ban times normal Blue Badge rules apply. If you are only stopping briefly to set down or pick up passengers then you may stop even if there is a loading ban. If it is unavoidable that you park for more than three hours on a yellow line or you need to park on a road with a loading ban in place then you should contact the local council parking enforcement department and apply for a parking waiver. These are only granted in very exceptional circumstances. You must get the waiver before you need to park - a waiver cannot be granted after you have got a parking ticket. If you are not sure which council is responsible contact the Parking Committee for London who can advise.

Red Routes On major roads in London yellow lines are being replaced with red lines. Red lines control 'stopping', which includes parking, loading and dropping off passengers. However, special provision has been made for Blue Badge Holders on these 'red routes'. A vehicle displaying a valid Blue Badge
may stop at any time on a red route to pick up or let out the person to whom that badge refers only.

Vehicles displaying Blue Badges should not park on double red lines at any time, nor on single red lines during the working day (generally 7 am to 7 pm Monday to Saturday). Special parking provision for Blue Badge Holders has been made with 'boxes' marked on the road reserved for their use and they may also stop for up to three hours in virtually all loading 'boxes' and for an unlimited period in all parking 'boxes' which operate at certain times during the day. Red route signs clearly indicate what is allowed and when. You must check the sign.