

Dear Sir/Madam

New parking rules

New Scottish Government legislation has been introduced that means it is now illegal to

- park on pavements
- double park
- park at pedestrian crossing points/dropped kerbs
- park on road verges, which lie between roads and pavements.

These new rules came into law on Monday 11 December 2023 and we will begin enforcement in January 2024. We'll write to you again as soon as we have a confirmed date in January for when enforcement of the new rules will start and we will also regularly update our website with relevant information: www.edinburgh.gov.uk/newparkingrules

Parking Attendants will have powers to issue parking tickets to vehicles parked on pavements, at crossing points, dropped kerbs or double parked. A parking ticket can be issued instantly at the national level of £100 but reduced to £50 if paid within the first 14 days.

Why are these rules being introduced?

The new rules will make it safer for pedestrians and other road users to move around our streets and public spaces.

Parking on pavements creates issues for people, including

- making moving around hazardous for people with disabilities or those pushing prams or buggies
- preventing people from walking safely on pavements and around their neighbourhood
- damaging pavements, which are expensive to repair and can become a trip hazard for everyone.

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Double parking and parking at dropped kerbs and crossing points

- can make it dangerous for vulnerable people to cross the road safely
- prevents people in wheelchairs from crossing the road where vehicles are parked next to dropped kerbs.

Further information

We acknowledge that pavement parking occurs in your area and the introduction of the new rules may cause some concern and initial disruption, so we have enclosed some frequently asked questions to help you prepare and adapt to the introduction of the new rules.

All drivers have a responsibility to follow the new rules and park safely on the road while ensuring that the free flow of traffic is not obstructed and access for emergency or service vehicles, such as bin lorries, is maintained.

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You can find the most up-to-date information, including a report, about the new rules on our website. You can also contact us by email at <u>parkingoperations.customercare@edinburgh.gov.uk</u> should you have any questions.

Yours Sincerely

Parking Operations



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