Blue Badges

Brighton & Hove City Council and Sussex Police work together to tackle Blue Badge fraud and misuse, which is a criminal offence.

Translation? Tick this box and take to any council office.

This can also be made available in large print, Braille, or on CD or audio tape.

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/parking
Who can use your Blue Badge?
The Blue Badge has been issued to you to help you to park closely to your destination either as a passenger or driver.

Under the terms of the scheme, your badge may only be used in a vehicle when it is being used to transport the Blue Badge holder. Under no circumstances should someone other than you be using the Blue Badge benefits. Therefore, you must never give the badge to anyone else to use if you do not intend to travel yourself, even if they are a friend or family member. This includes friends or relatives collecting items such as prescriptions on your behalf.

Misuse of the badge by someone who is not disabled is an offence under section 117 of the Road Traffic Act 1984. The maximum fine on conviction is £1,000 and this applies in addition to whatever penalty may be imposed for any parking offence.

Please make sure your badge is only used in a vehicle when you are travelling in it.

How to display your Blue Badge
To make sure you park legally and avoid receiving a Penalty Charge Notice, you must display your Blue badge correctly.

Your Blue Badge must be displayed with the serial number and expiry date showing. Do not display your badge with the photograph showing, this may result in you receiving a Penalty Charge Notice.

Parking with your Blue Badge in Brighton & Hove
Different authorities throughout the UK have different rules on where you can and can't park with your Blue Badge. It is important when parking in Brighton & Hove that you follow these guidelines:

You may:

- Park in the on-street disabled parking bays. These bays will have a Blue Badge sign and you are permitted to park for free for an unlimited time, unless the signs say otherwise. You must display your Blue Badge, but you don’t need to show your time disc unless there is a time limit stated on the sign. Always try to park in these bays rather than on yellow lines.

- Park in any on-street bay that states Pay & Display parking is permitted. You are permitted to park in these bays for free for an unlimited time. You must display your Blue Badge but you don’t need to show your time disc. Always try to use these bays instead of yellow lines for road traffic safety reasons.

- Park on single or double yellow lines for a maximum of three hours except where there is a ban on loading or unloading. This will be indicated by yellow markings on the kerb side. There may also be a sign showing the period of restriction. You must display your Blue Badge and the time disc showing your time of arrival. Please note that you must wait at least one hour after a period of parking before you can park the same vehicle in the same road on the same day.

You may not park:

- In resident permit bays. These are reserved for resident permit holders only and you are not permitted to park here with a Blue Badge. Parking here without a resident permit may result in a Penalty Charge Notice being issued.

- In other areas such as pedestrian crossings, including areas marked by zig zags, bus stops, places reserved for specific users such as doctors, taxis or motorcycle bays. You are also not permitted to park on school ‘keep clear’ markings, bus or cycle lanes or in suspended parking bays.

Please do not park where it may endanger or inconvenience pedestrians or other road users. Some examples of other places not to park with your badge are:

- school entrances or near the brow of a hill
- on a bend or hump bridge
- where it would make it difficult for others to see, for example on a junction
- where it would make the road too narrow, such as near road works
- across driveways
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users
- on a pavement unless it is permitted to do so

For further information on the Blue Badge scheme, please refer to the ‘rights and responsibilities’ booklet sent to you with your Blue Badge or contact the Blue Badge department, details overleaf.