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Victoria Legal Aid

Free information about the law and how we can help you. Use Legal Help Chat on our website or phone Legal Help, Monday to Friday, 8 am to 6 pm, excluding public holidays.

www.legalaid.vic.gov.au
Phone: 1300 792 387

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Parking laws – the basics

The law says you have parked even if you only stop for a few minutes or do not leave your vehicle.

Every time you park your car or vehicle, you must:

- obey relevant parking signs
- park within marked bays (if marked)
- not get in the way of traffic, cyclists or pedestrians
- allow enough space for large vehicles to pass safely (usually three metres).

Before leaving the vehicle, you must:

- make sure the parking brake is on
- remove the key from the ignition
- lock all doors and windows if there is no-one in the vehicle
- check for traffic and cyclists before opening your door, getting out of or off the vehicle.

Parking signs

- Read parking signs from top to bottom, left to right. It is important to read the whole sign.
- The time limits on a parking sign only apply during the times shown. Outside of those times, you can park for as long as you want, unless another sign says you cannot.
- Once you have reached the time limit, you cannot add more money to the meter or move to a nearby spot. You must move your vehicle out of the area that the sign applies to.
- If a parking sign shows a day of the week (for example, Monday) then the restriction does not apply when that day is a public holiday.
- If a parking sign does not show a day of the week then the restriction applies every day, even on public holidays.

What if there is no sign?

Generally, parking signs tell you whether you can park. However, even if there are no signs there are situations where you:

- cannot stop or park
- must leave enough space between your vehicle and something else.

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(www.legalaid.vic.gov.au/parking-laws) to learn more.

Parking fines

A parking fine is also called an infringement notice. You can get a fine even if someone stays in the vehicle.

Never ignore a parking fine – fines do not go away. Act early to avoid having:

- to pay more
- to go to court
- your licence or registration cancelled.

You may be able to get free legal help for your fine.

Who can give me a parking fine?

Only authorised people can give you a parking fine. These include:

- police
- protective services officers (PSOs)
- some council, government and VicRoads officers.

Private companies run some car parks. A parking 'fine' from a private company is not the same as a fine from a council, the government or police. Visit our website to learn more.

What are my options for dealing with a fine?

Visit our website for information on fines and answers to common questions such as:

- What if I cannot pay a fine by the due date?
- What if I disagree with a fine?
- What if I am under 18?

