

Press release

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Subject: *Blue Badge use*

With the aim of increasing independence and equal opportunities for persons with disability, KNPD would like to draw the attention of the public that, as stipulated under LS 363.80 (Controlled Parking Schemes - residents and commercial), the Blue Badge issued by the Commissioner of Police and any other lawful document that is internationally recognised and indicates the occurrence of a disability, are to be considered equivalent to the residents' permit.

This means that Blue Badge holders are authorised to use the parking bays that are normally used by residents.

It is important that vehicles parked in the reserved parking bays (with yellow lines) and residents' parking bays display a valid Blue Badge on the vehicle's windscreen, that it is clearly visible from the outside. The Blue Badge should only be used when the cardholder is either driving, or else is a passenger in the parked vehicle and should always be clearly displayed. Additionally, officers of the law may check the identity of the Blue Badge holder by referring to the reverse side of the card which includes a photograph and personal details of the holder.

KNPD would like to remind the public that the controlled parking scheme should be used with great responsibility. Vehicles should only be left in the above-mentioned parking bays for a short span of time, the time needed to run errands. Nobody should leave the vehicle parked in these locations for indefinite periods of time.

Finally, following new regulations issued by Transport Malta, KNPD would like to inform the public that reserved parking bays in front of private residences are to be used solely by the Blue Badge holders living in that particular residence.