

Ways to avoid a parking citation in Concord

Knowing the following information may assist you with avoiding a parking citation.

1. **Know your surroundings:** Be aware of your surroundings when you are parking. Knowing where you parked your car and paying attention to nearby parking signs for time limits can help you avoid a parking citation.
2. **Short Term Areas:** Parking Enforcement Officers frequently patrol downtown streets and garages in an effort to encourage turnover of these premium parking spaces. If you are in violation, you will receive a parking citation. Utilizing off-street parking options (**Firehouse Block Garage, Durgin Block Garage, Capital Commons Garage**) allow for all day parking.
3. **Metered/Kiosk Spaces:** You must pay for metered parking from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Kiosks do allow for pre-payment between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Parking is free every day after 5 p.m. and all day Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Check nearby parking signs just to be sure you are in compliance.
4. **Meter feeding.** Street meters are intended for short-term parking. You must leave a parking to deposit additional coins in the meter after the time limit has been reached. The purpose of the time limit is to ensure that parking spaces regularly become available for customers of area businesses and visitors to the area.
5. **Reserved Spaces:** Reserved spaces in the parking garages are generally reserved between the hours of 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Use of these parking spaces is valid after these times, although your vehicle is subject to towing if not removed prior to the reserved times. The best idea here is to utilize a non-reserved stall, even during open periods.
6. **UNH Law Center** (former Franklin Pierce): When parking near the UNH Law Center, carefully read all signs explaining parking restrictions. There are several residential permit-parking areas on the streets surrounding the Law Center and you must display a valid permit to park in them.
7. **Parking in Disabled Parking Areas:** Only vehicles displaying valid, distinguishing license plates or placards issued by the DMV are allowed to park in parking spaces designated for disabled persons. These areas include not only the stall for the vehicle, but the cross-hatched space marked for loading and unloading. Remember, disabled parking spaces on both public and private property are included within these ordinances. If you do possess a disabled parking placard please make sure it is visibly displayed or you will be subject to a citation. Indefinite Handicap placards are no longer valid.
8. **Err on the side of caution.** Have I parked too close to the corner or a fire hydrant? What do those signs mean? Am I blocking another vehicle? Does my meter have enough money? If you're not sure, play it safe and find another spot. Don't create an inconvenience for yourself or another with a poor parking decision. **PARK SMART and avoid a citation.**