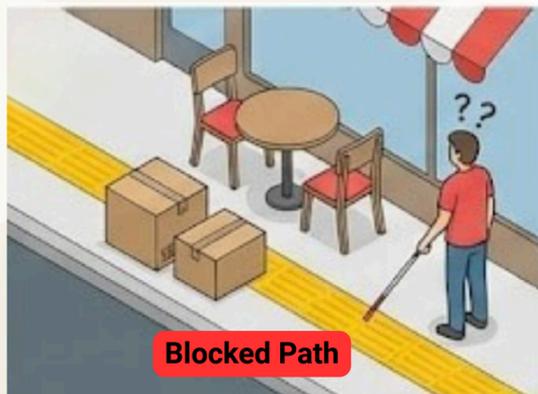


ROAD SAFETY

TRAFFIC KNOWS NO BARRIERS



Clear Path



Blocked Path

The yellow tactile surfaces we see on sidewalks are vital navigation and safety lines for blind individuals. Placing cafe tables, signs, or delivery packages on these lines effectively "closes" the path for a visually impaired person and directs them toward dangerous voids.

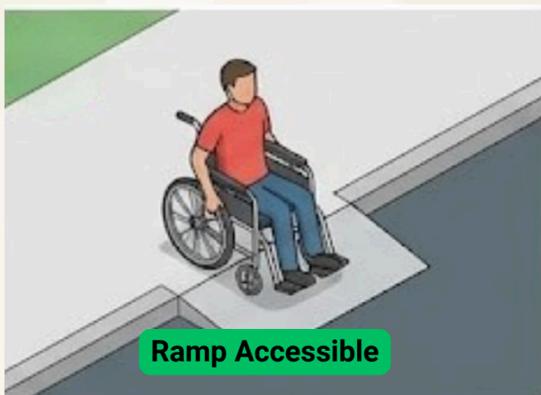
Accessible parking spaces are designed not just for parking a vehicle, but to provide the wide area necessary for wheelchair transfers. Parking illegally in these spots or in the adjacent hatched transfer zones makes it impossible for a driver with a disability to get out of or back into their vehicle.



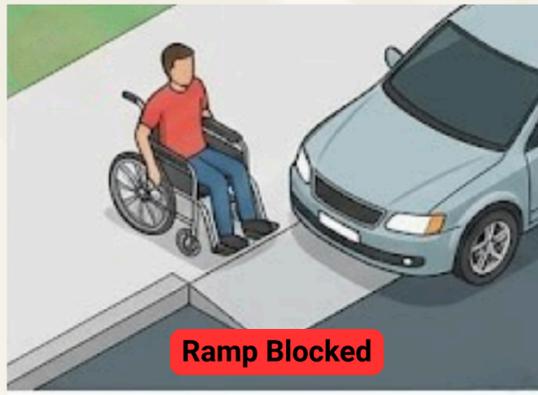
Transfer Area Occupied



Transfer Area Occupied



Ramp Accessible



Ramp Blocked

Curb ramps serve as the only safe "bridge" between the road and the sidewalk for wheelchair users and individuals with limited mobility. Parking the front of a vehicle in front of a ramp destroys this bridge and forces the individual onto the main road, putting them in danger.

The wide access gates found in transportation stations are specifically sized so that individuals using wheelchairs or assistive devices can pass through comfortably. Waiting in front of these gates or occupying these areas with luggage and belongings disrupts the flow, causing stress and physical obstruction for individuals with disabilities.



Accessible Gates Open



Gates Blocked / Occupied



Elevators Accessible



Elevators Unfairly Occupied

Accessible elevators located at metro entrances or overpasses are critical pieces of equipment that make vertical transportation possible. When individuals without physical disabilities occupy these elevators, it causes those who truly need them to wait for long periods and arrive late to their destinations. We must remember that elevators are invaluable access tools that should not be idly occupied, and priority must always be given to our neighbors with mobility limitations. Knowledge and sensitivity are the most essential fuels for a barrier-free transportation system.