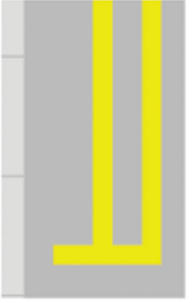




What the signs and lines mean



Double yellow lines do not require accompanying signage. Double yellow lines along the edge of the road mean no waiting at any time.

You can stop to load and unload or to let passengers in or out of your vehicle but always check that there are no loading restrictions in place before doing so.



Single yellow lines along the edge of the road mean no waiting during the time period shown on nearby signs. You can stop to load and unload or to let passengers in or out of your vehicle but always check that there are no loading restrictions in place before doing so.




Double kerb markings mean no loading or unloading at any time and are supported by nearby signs. Blue Badge holders cannot park on these restrictions.




Single kerb markings mean no loading or unloading during the time period shown on nearby signs. Blue Badge holders should not park whilst the restrictions are in force.

Limited Waiting Bays – parking in these bays is only allowed at the times and for the durations shown on nearby signs. Once you have left the bay, you cannot return to park in the same bay within for the “No return” period shown on the sign. Parking for an unlimited time period is permitted outside of the times of operation.


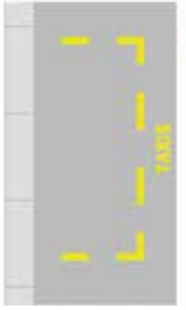
Your Guide to Parking Enforcement in Knowsley




Disabled Parking Bays (Parking for Blue Badge holders) – parking in these bays is restricted to Blue Badge holders only. The Blue Badge and clock must be displayed in the windscreen in accordance with the requirements of the Blue Badge Scheme.





Residents Parking Schemes / Permit Parking Areas – means a road or area where waiting is restricted to permit holders only. Permits must be displayed in the windscreen of the vehicle.

Taxi Stands / Ranks – only taxis are allowed to stop. No other vehicle is allowed to stop, load or unload during the times shown on the nearby signs.




Bus Stops – only buses are allowed to stop. No other vehicle is allowed to stop, load or unload during the times shown on the nearby signs.

School 'Keep Clear' markings mean that no vehicle is allowed to stop, load or unload during the times shown on the nearby signs.




In May 2015, Knowsley Council became responsible for on-street parking enforcement in the borough. This is in addition to its existing responsibility for parking enforcement in council owned car parks.

What does this mean?

Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs), employed by Knowsley Council, will patrol streets and council owned car parks. They will issue Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) to vehicles parked in contravention of any regulations in force at that time.

Parking rules and regulations will not change; the only difference is that the council will be responsible for on-street enforcement instead of Merseyside Police.

Why are we making the changes?

Residents, businesses and visitors to Knowsley will all benefit as the changes will:

- Reduce inconsiderate and dangerous parking
- Reduce congestion and improve traffic flow
- Improve road safety
- Improve access to amenities and public transport
- Improve access to and availability of parking spaces
- Discourage long stay parking by commuters in Residents Permit Parking Areas
- Reduce abuse of Disabled Parking bays
- Improve access for the Emergency Services

How will the changes affect me?

If you park your vehicle correctly, the changes will not affect you.

The current on and off-street waiting and loading restrictions will not change. When parking your vehicle, make sure that you check the signs and road markings to ensure that you are parked correctly. If you aren't, you will receive a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN).

What is a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN)?

Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) will be issued by the council's Civil Enforcement Officers.

Penalty charges are set nationally at £50 or £70, depending on the contravention. These charges are reduced to £25 or £35 (50% discount) if paid within 14 days.

Who will receive a PCN?

Anyone who parks in contravention of a regulation that is currently in force, during the times of operation, risks receiving a PCN.

Contraventions include, but are not limited to:

- Parking fully or partially on single or double yellow lines
- Parking fully or partially on single or double yellow lines where loading restrictions are in force
- Parking in a residents parking area without displaying a permit
- Parking in a loading bay, bus stop, disabled bay or taxi rank without authorisation

- Parking in a pay and display parking place without payment, without displaying a ticket or for a longer period than the ticket or the parking place allows
- Parking outside of defined parking bay markings
- Parking on school 'Keep Clear' markings

Always check the road markings and nearby signs before parking or leaving your car.

How do I appeal against a PCN?

If you think your PCN was issued incorrectly then the details on the back of the PCN will explain how to make an appeal.

An informal appeal can be made within the first 28 days following issue of the PCN. This period is usually suspended whilst the council considers your appeal. If you don't pay the PCN within 28 days, you will be served with a Notice to Owner and the debt will automatically be increased by 50%.

Continued non-payment may result in County Court proceedings.

If the matter cannot be resolved, your case would be heard by an independent adjudicator.

I'm a Blue Badge holder, how will the changes affect me?

There are no changes to the rules and regulations regarding Blue Badge holders. The Blue Badge Scheme booklet can be found at www.gov.uk however, it is always better to check the local rules before parking your car. For example; Blue Badge holders are not exempt from the restrictions within residential areas controlled by permits – If you're not sure, find another place where you can park your car correctly.

