Wide Access Aisles Versus Narrow Access Aisles
The photo above shows a van-accessible space, which is next to a wide (eight-foot) access aisle. The wheelchair user needs this much space to safely lower the ramp and exit and enter the van.

In the photo below, the van is parked in a standard accessible spot next to a narrow (five-foot) aisle. This does not allow enough space for the wheelchair user to safely exit and enter without possible damage to her wheelchair – or to the car parked nearby.

You can help by keeping the access aisles completely open.
Even if you only parked over the aisle a small amount, you could restrict a wheelchair user's ability to enter and exit a ramp- or lift-equipped vehicle.

It might seem like access aisles cover a large area, but people with disabilities need all of the space to deploy their ramps or lifts. The wide aisle provides ample room to safely maneuver on and off the ramp/ lift.

So please stay within the lines and honor the aisles!

This brochure is made possible by a grant from the Dole Institute of Politics, with funding from the General Electric Company.

Endorsed by the Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns and the Kansas Association of Centers for Independent Living.

Produced by:

RESEARCH & TRAINING CENTER ON INDEPENDENT LIVING
Life Span Institute
Research and Training Center on Independent Living
The University of Kansas
Rm. 4089, 1000 Sunnyside Ave.
Lawrence, KS 66045-7561
Ph 785-864-4095
TTY 785-864-0706
FAX 785-864-5063
www.rtcil.org

Comments? Email rtcil@ku.edu

Graphic: http://www.ada.gov/business/retail_access.htm
Although you may park in van-accessible spaces with an accessible parking permit, you are encouraged to reserve van-accessible spaces for RLEV users unless there are no regular accessible parking spaces. Otherwise, RLEV users might not be able to find a parking space at all.

Do not use an accessible parking permit once it's expired.
Accessible parking permits have expiration dates. Please be mindful of the expiration date of your placard or license plate, and do not use it after it's expired. It's against the law.

If you still need to use it after expiration, apply for a new one or renew your permit.

Do not let others use your accessible parking permit when you are not present.
The owner of an accessible parking permit must be present when using the permit. Do not lend your permit to your family members or friends so that they can use the accessible parking spaces.

There might be legal consequences both to you and to the person who borrowed your permit, including a fine and your permit being revoked.

\[ RLEV = \text{Ramp- or lift-equipped vehicle} \]