



Regulatory Fire & Safety Signage Mississauga, Ontario

Fire Routes / Fire Access Routes

[City of Mississauga Fire Route By-law 0216-2023](#)

The City of Mississauga Fire Route By-law 0216-2023 governs fire access routes that are needed so emergency vehicles can approach a building unobstructed.

A Fire Route may include a fire access route, private road, lane, ramp, or other means of vehicular access to or egress from a building or property that has been designated as a Fire Route under the by-law.

Where a Fire Route has been designated, the property owner is required to establish the Fire Route, maintain the Fire Route, maintain the approved signs and hydrants, and remove snow, ice, or obstructions that may prevent the use of the Fire Route, approved signs, or hydrants.

Fire Route Sign Requirements

The current approved Fire Route sign under the City of Mississauga Fire Route By-law is FR-1.



FR-1

Approved sign size:

30 cm x 40 cm (minimum)

Approved sign content:

The approved sign includes the Fire Route symbol, the wording **FIRE ROUTE**, the wording **VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED** and directional arrows.

Fire Route signs must be permanently mounted on a rigid sign post, pole, or building structure. Signs must be erected at a height between **1.9 metres and 2.5 metres**, measured from the ground surface of the travelled portion of the designated route to the bottom edge of the sign.



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Fire Route Signage Installation

Fire Route signs must be installed along the designated fire access route as follows:

- between 0.3 metres and 3 metres from the travelled edge of the route;
- along the route at approx. 30 m intervals or as frequently as necessary in the judgement of the Fire Chief;
- at changes in direction;
- with one sign at each limit of the Fire Route;
- parallel to the Fire Route;
- with direction arrows masked with the appropriate material on Fire Route signs at the limits of the Fire Route.

Towing / Enforcement Notice

No person may park, stop, or leave a vehicle on a designated Fire Route where stopping or parking is prohibited by an approved sign. This does not apply to ambulance, police, fire or other emergency vehicles.

A vehicle parked in contravention of the Fire Route By-law may be removed, taken away, and stored by an Officer. Costs for removal and storage may become a lien on the vehicle.

No Parking / Private Property Parking

[City of Mississauga Traffic By-law 0555-2000](#)

For private property, the by-law states that no person shall park or leave a vehicle on private property without the consent of the owner or occupant. Where the owner or occupant has posted signs stating the conditions for parking, or signs prohibiting parking, a vehicle parked contrary to those posted conditions is considered to be parked without consent.

Private-property parking signs should clearly state the parking rules that apply to the property or to a specific parking area. These may include visitor parking, tenant parking, customer parking, permit parking, reserved parking, time limits (or restricted hours, where applicable), designated parking areas, or unauthorized parking restrictions.

Entrance Signs

Entrance signs are recommended where general parking rules apply to the entire property. These signs should identify the property as private property and summarize the main parking conditions before drivers enter or use the lot.



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Sample private-property parking sign wording:

PRIVATE PROPERTY

Visitor Parking While on Premises Only
1 Hour Parking Limit
No Parking 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Parking in Designated Spaces Only
Vehicles Must Be Legally Registered
Unauthorized Vehicles May Be Tagged
and/or Towed at Owner's Expense

Recommended size: 18" x 24"

Installation: Post at property entrances where general rules apply to the full site. Signs should be permanently mounted and clearly visible to drivers.

Tenant / Visitor / Customer Parking Signs

Additional signs may be required within the parking lot where different rules apply to different areas, such as visitor parking, tenant parking, customer parking, reserved parking, accessible parking, loading areas, fire routes or restricted spaces.

For shared lots, signs should clearly separate each parking area so drivers can understand which rules apply to each section.

Sample wording:

PRIVATE PROPERTY

Tenant Parking Only

By Permit Only

Parking in Designated Spaces Only
Vehicles Must Be Legally Registered
Unauthorized Vehicles May Be Tagged
and/or Towed at Owner's Expense

PRIVATE PROPERTY

Visitor Parking Only

By Permit Only

Parking in Designated Spaces Only
Vehicles Must Be Legally Registered
Unauthorized Vehicles May Be Tagged
and/or Towed at Owner's Expense

Recommended size: 12" x 18" or 18" x 24", depending on visibility and site layout.

Installation: Post signs where drivers can clearly identify which spaces or sections the rule applies to. Additional signs may be needed depending on the size and layout of the parking area.



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Towing / Enforcement Notice

Unauthorized vehicles may be tagged and/or towed where they are parked contrary to posted conditions or without the consent of the property owner or occupant.

Under the City of Mississauga Traffic By-law 0555-2000, vehicles parked contrary to posted private-property parking conditions may be considered parked without consent. Where applicable, a municipal law enforcement officer or Peel Regional Police may cause the vehicle to be removed, taken away, and stored.

The City's private-property enforcement process requires authorization from the property owner or authorized representative. Enforcement may be suspended if signs are not in accordance with the final inspection, and enforcement begins only once signage is properly posted and the required authorization is provided.

No Smoking / No Vaping

[Peel Region By-law 49-2019](#)

Peel Region By-law 49-2019 prohibits smoking and vaping in certain public and workplace areas, including outdoor public places, outdoor construction sites, and the area within 9 metres surrounding indoor public places and indoor workplaces. Smoking includes tobacco, cannabis, or any other substance used for smoking. Vaping includes the use of an inhalant-type device for any substance.

Property owners, proprietors, and employers may be required to post **No Smoking / No Vaping signs** conspicuously on the premises to indicate where smoking and vaping are prohibited. The required sign type depends on the location.

Sign A — Outdoor Public Place / Outdoor Construction Site

This sign is used for outdoor public places & outdoor construction sites where smoking & vaping are prohibited.



The sign must:

- say **No Smoking** and **No Vaping**
- refer to **tobacco or cannabis** for smoking
- refer to **any substance** for vaping
- indicate that smoking and vaping are prohibited **anywhere on this property**
- include the maximum fine information
- be black and red
- be no smaller than **8.5" x 11"**
- be posted in English and any other language required by the Medical Officer of Health



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Sign B — Indoor Public Place / Indoor Workplace

This sign is used for indoor public places and indoor workplaces to indicate the no smoking / no vaping restriction that applies **within 9 metres surrounding** the building, facility or structure.



The sign must:

- say No Smoking and No Vaping
- refer to tobacco or cannabis for smoking
- refer to any substance for vaping
- indicate that smoking and vaping are prohibited within 9 metres of the building, facility, or structure
- include the maximum fine information
- be black and red
- be 8.5" x 11"
- be posted in English and any other language required by the Medical Officer of Health

Accessible Parking Signs

[City of Mississauga Accessible Parking By-law 0010-2016](#)

[& Accessible Parking Sign Requirements](#)

The City of Mississauga Accessible Parking By-law 0010-2016 governs accessible parking in Mississauga. Accessible parking spaces must be designated by authorized parking signs for the exclusive use of vehicles displaying a valid accessible parking permit.

Accessible parking signs must comply with the requirements under the Highway Traffic Act and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, and must follow the sign format and content illustrated in the City's Accessible Parking By-law and Accessible Parking Sign Requirements.

Main Accessible Parking Sign

Each accessible parking space must include a main accessible parking sign.

Main sign face:

300 mm minimum x 450 mm minimum

The main sign includes the accessible parking symbol and the wording: **By Permit Only**



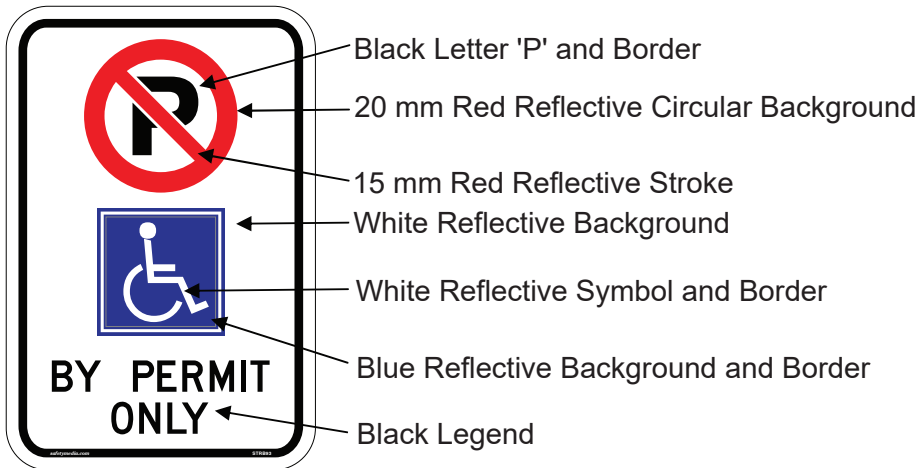
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Type A Accessible Parking Spaces

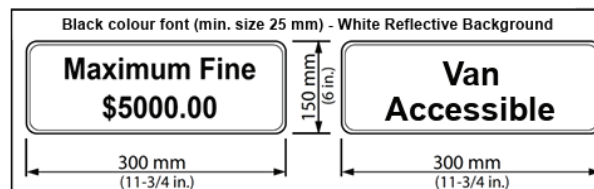
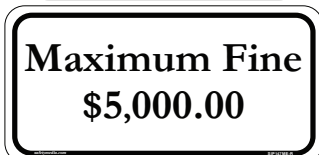
Type A parking spaces are wider spaces intended for users who need more space for mobility devices and ramp deployment. Type A spaces must be identified as Van Accessible.



Each Type A parking space must include:

- main accessible parking sign: **300 mm minimum x 450 mm minimum**
- secondary sign: **Maximum Fine \$5,000.00**
- secondary sign: **Van Accessible**

The secondary signs must be **150 mm x 300 mm** and installed on the same sign post or wall mount, immediately below the main accessible parking sign.





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Type B Accessible Parking Spaces

Type B parking spaces are standard accessible parking spaces for users who may need canes, crutches, walkers, or similar mobility aids, but do not require the additional width of a Type A space.



Each Type B parking space must include:

- main accessible parking sign: **300 mm minimum x 450 mm minimum**
- secondary sign: **Maximum Fine \$5,000.00**

The secondary sign must be **150 mm x 300 mm** and installed on the same sign post or wall mount, immediately below the main accessible parking sign.

Sign Face and Mounting

The City's accessible parking sign detail lists the following sign face requirements:

- aluminum sign blank
- white background
- metro-punched holes

Accessible parking signs must be mounted on a level wall surface or on a permanent post, pillar or other suitable surface.

Signs must be located:

- at a height of **1200 mm** from the ground or floor surface to the bottom edge of the sign;
- centred on the parking space for perpendicular parking;
- toward the end of the parking space, on the opposite side from the access aisle, for parallel parking.

If mounted on a post, the post must colour contrast with the background environment.



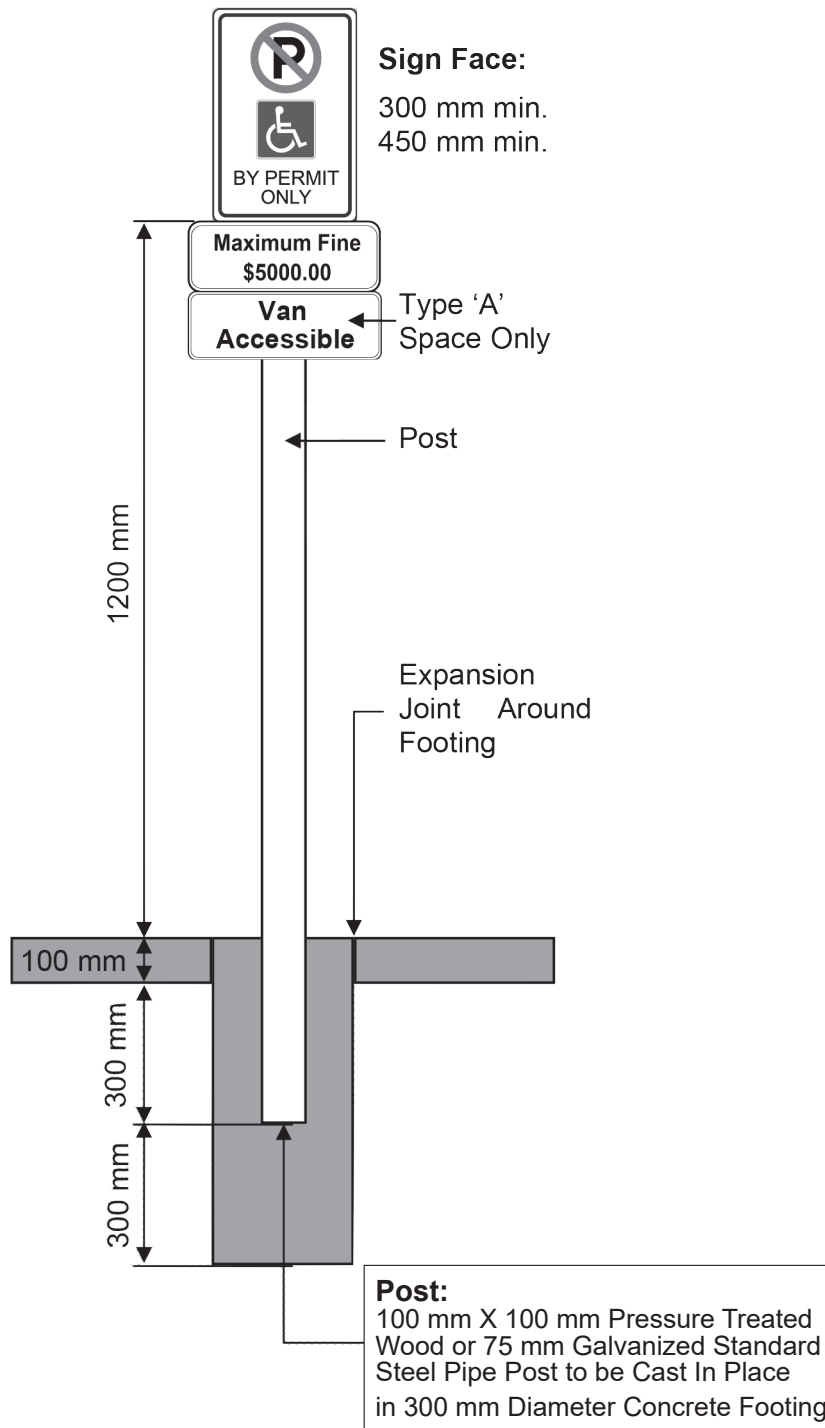
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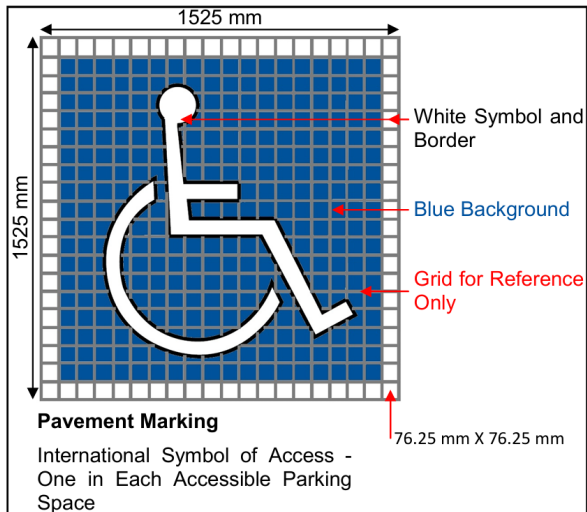
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Pavement Marking



Accessible parking spaces must include pavement markings containing the International Symbol of Access. The by-law describes the pavement marking as a **1525 mm x 1525 mm white border** and symbol with a blue background field colour.

No Dumping / Debris & Anti-Littering Signs

[City of Mississauga Debris and Anti-Littering By-law 0219-1985](#)

The City of Mississauga Debris and Anti-Littering By-law prohibits any person from throwing, placing, or depositing refuse or debris on private property without the consent of the property owner. It also prohibits refuse or debris from being placed on City property without written consent from the City, or on property of a local board or the Region of Peel without written consent.

“Refuse or debris” includes garbage, ashes, rubbish, builder’s and building contractors’ refuse, other industrial waste, inoperative vehicles, and motor vehicle parts and accessories.

No Dumping signs may be used to help communicate that dumping refuse or debris is not permitted on the property. The current public by-law source does not provide a required No Dumping sign size, layout, wording, or mounting height.

Sample sign wording:

**PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO DUMPING**

Refuse or debris may not be placed on this property without the consent of the property owner.

or

NO DUMPING

Unauthorized dumping of garbage, construction materials, or debris is prohibited.



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Fire Safety Plan Boxes / Security Box

[City of Mississauga Security Box By-law 0289-1997](#)

The City of Mississauga Security Box By-law 0289-1997 governs security boxes for buildings. These boxes may be used to house documents such as Fire Safety Plans. Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services also states that Fire Safety Plans should be available on site in a security box accessible to fire crews.

Where a Fire Safety Plan approved by the Chief Fire Official is required, a Security Box containing a copy of the approved Fire Safety Plan must be installed and maintained adjacent to the main entrance of the premises, or the part of the premises to which the Fire Safety Plan applies.

A Fire Safety Plan Box must be a weatherproof, metal cabinet or box capable of being locked. For boxes used to hold Fire Safety Plan, hazardous materials, hazardous physical agents, or WHMIS information, the box must be large enough to hold the required binder or binders. It must also be equipped with a locking system approved by the Chief Fire Official and a key locking system manufactured by MIKOR Company, dedicated for use exclusively by Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services.

The box must be large enough to hold the required binder or binders containing the required information. The by-law lists required information such as the current approved Fire Safety Plan, site plans and floor plans showing the location of firefighting devices, and other required information where applicable.

The Fire Safety Plan Box must be surface mounted within **3 metres of the main entrance** at a height between **1.5 metres and 1.8 metres above the floor**, or at another location acceptable to the Fire Chief.

Disclaimer: *The information contained in this document is provided for general informational purposes only and should not be considered legal advice. By-laws, codes, and government requirements may change or vary depending on the property type, location, and specific circumstances. Before producing, installing, or relying on any signage for compliance purposes, please confirm the current requirements with the applicable municipality, fire department, building department, or other local authority.*