



FACT SHEET

Parking



Parking is enforced by police and Council Local Laws officers in accordance with *Rockhampton Regional Council Local Law No 5 (Parking) 2011* and the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Road Rules) Regulation 2009 (TORUM)*. **Unlawful parking should be reported to the Queensland Police Service (QPS) through their Policelink line on 131 444, or to Council's Local Laws officers through the Customer Service Centre on 1300 22 55 77.**

All motorists must comply with the requirements of TORUM and any parking provisions provided for by Council to ensure the safe movement of traffic.

Unlawful and unsafe parking on the road and on footpaths affects everyone and can:

- Endanger pedestrians by obstructing their path forcing them onto the road
- Reduce the visibility of road users by obscuring the view of vehicles entering and leaving roads and driveways
- Damage underground infrastructure

- Cause surface damage to the footpath, and nature strips
- Make it hard for emergency services such as fire and ambulance to attend the property.



Installation of Yellow 'No Stopping' Lines Across Driveways

The installation of a yellow no stopping line can be utilised to reinforce road rules or introduce new restrictions.

Council is selective where yellow lines are applied and they are generally reserved for streets that are **severely impacted by an adjacent land use**, or where Council has assessed that a **genuine road safety issue** can be addressed through their installation. Examples of such applications include: sites where limited sight distance is available, high traffic areas with limited road width, and around sensitive areas such as schools and hospitals. They are generally **not used to resolve the poor parking behaviour** of motorists **in isolated areas** and residential streets, particularly where the issue is mainly caused by fellow residents.

The presence of yellow lines across driveways **does not change the legality** of parking in a manner which blocks access to a property, but they do **create a financial burden** in their installation and ongoing maintenance.

Installing Marked Parking Bays

Marked parking bays are only implemented when there is a **high turnover of car parks** and the existing on-street parking is **not being used efficiently**; they are **not installed on residential streets with low parking demand**. The installation of marked parking bays (particularly in areas where angle parking is used) often results in a reduction in the total available number of parking spaces, thereby decreasing parking capacity.

Reserved Resident Parking

Council does not generally allocate on-street parking facilities to residents, nor does it issue resident parking permits. On-street parking in the public road reserve is available for any registered vehicle of appropriate classification, and as such, is not reserved for private residences. On-street parking is provided for the benefit of residents and the wider community within the area.

Common Parking Laws

Some commonly broken parking laws have been taken from TORUM to give a brief guide to some regulations. For more information, [please go directly to the TORUM regulation](#).

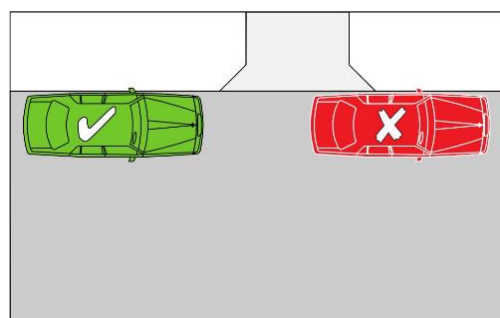
Parking/Stopping on Nature Strips and Footpaths

It is important for the safety of vulnerable road users (pedestrians and cyclists) that footpaths and nature strips remain free of obstructions to allow safe off-street passage. A driver **must not park on a bicycle path, footpath, shared path or dividing strip, or a nature strip** adjacent to a length of road in a built-up area. A nature strip is the area between a road and the adjacent property boundary, and must not be used for parking irrespective of whether or not a paved (e.g. concrete) footpath is provided.

It is unlawful for a vehicle to be parked on or across a driveway or access to adjacent land, unless dropping off or picking up passengers (must not remain for longer than 2 minutes and vehicle must not be left unattended). **This includes parking on your own driveway**.

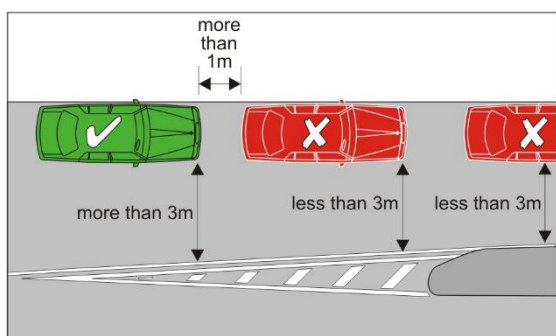
Parking/Stopping Near and Across Driveways

A driver **must not stop on or across a driveway or pedestrian footpath ramp**, or park in a position that obstructs access for vehicles or pedestrians.



Parallel Parking

When parking on a road, you must leave a **minimum gap of 3m** between your vehicle and a continuous dividing line or dividing strip, unless otherwise indicated by a parking control sign.



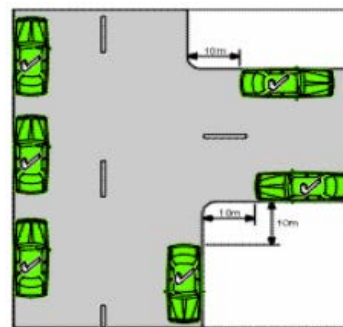
If a road does not have a continuous dividing line or dividing strip, you must position your vehicle so there is at least a 3m gap alongside your vehicle that is clear to allow other motorists to pass.

It is important to remain vigilant and courteous when driving through residential areas, as you may be required to stop to let another vehicle filter through parked cars. While this may not seem ideal, this action does help to lower vehicle speeds and increase safety in residential streets.

Parking/Stopping near Intersections

A driver **must not stop on a road within 20m of an intersection with traffic lights or within 10m of an intersection without traffic lights**, unless a parking sign applies (e.g. a No Stopping sign posted closer than 10/20m from the intersection). **Intersections are not generally marked with yellow lines or No Stopping signs**, so the minimum parking distances should be adhered to in circumstances where no other traffic control devices are installed.

For T-intersections *without* traffic lights, parking is permitted along the continuous side of the continuing road at the intersection, unless signed otherwise.



Parking/Stopping near Children's and Pedestrian Crossings

A driver **must not stop on a pedestrian or children's crossing or on the road within 20m before or 10m after the crossing**.

Parking/Stopping near a Bus Stop

You must not stop in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus. You must also leave a gap of 20m before and 10m after a bus stop, unless signed otherwise.

Parking/Stopping near a Fire Hydrant

A driver **must not park within 1m of a fire hydrant, fire hydrant indicator, or fire plug indicator**.

Parking/Stopping in a Loading Zone

You must not stop in a loading zone unless you are dropping off or picking up passengers (max. 2 minutes, or 5 minutes for disabled passengers), are dropping off or picking up goods (max. 20 minutes), or are driving a bus, truck or commercial vehicle (max. 30 minutes). The loading zone sign may also give a maximum time for stopping, in which case this must be adhered to (e.g. all vehicles 20 minutes max.) and some loading zone signs may designate the area for passenger loading, and give a maximum allowable stay of 2 minutes.

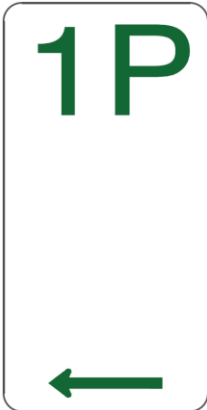
Entering/Exiting Centre Median Parking Bays

Unless signed otherwise, you **must enter and exit a median strip or centre parking bay by driving forward** (i.e. you must not reverse out of a centre median parking bay).

Common Parking Signs

Rockhampton Regional Council installs parking signage in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Some common parking signs used in our region include (but are not limited to):

Timed Parking (No Times Stated)

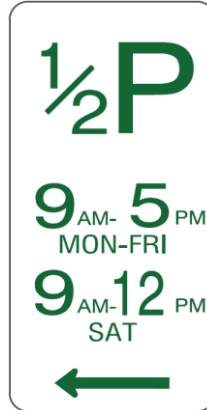


The maximum parking duration is displayed on the sign, in hours. Common durations include: ¼, ½, 1, 2, 3 & 4 hours; 2, 5 & 10 minutes. When the duration is given in minutes, the time will say 'minute' e.g. P 5 Minute.

When no applicable times are listed, the maximum parking duration given on the sign applies at all times every day.

The sign shown here means you may only park continuously for 1 hour, no matter what time of day.

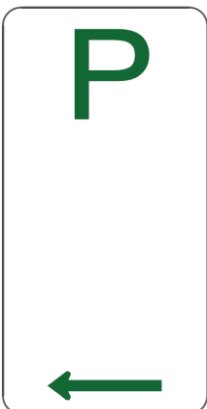
Timed Parking (Times Stated)



Some parking zones only restrict parking during certain times of the day. When times and/or days are specified on a parking sign, this means you may not exceed the stated time limit during the periods listed on the sign. Outside the specified times/days, you may park for an unlimited time. Some signs may show only times (no days), meaning the time restrictions apply on all days.

The sign shown here means you may only park continuously for 30 minutes during the times stated.

Untimed/Unlimited Parking



When duration and applicable times are not displayed on a parking sign, you may park for an unlimited time.

Reverse Angle Parking



Parking signs will often give direction on how you are required to park. If no direction is given **and** there are no pavement markings, you should park parallel to the kerb.

Most angle parking in the Rockhampton region is reverse-in. In areas where reverse angle bays are marked, the sign may only say "Rear In" or "Angle"; you should park in the direction indicated by the pavement markings, and never position your vehicle to oppose traffic flow.

Parking Area



Some locations in the region require a large number of parks to have parking restrictions, and individually signing these bays can be costly. These locations may be controlled by a parking area sign.

These signs are placed at the entrance to a parking area, and show the relevant parking restrictions. The restrictions apply to all bays in the area, unless signed otherwise (e.g. signed loading zones).

End Parking Area



This sign is used to show the end of a parking area.

No Stopping



A driver must not stop in a no stopping zone, meaning you may not stop in this area even if only to drop off or collect passengers.

No stopping areas may be delineated using the regulatory sign shown and/or with a **continuous yellow line** marked on the road.

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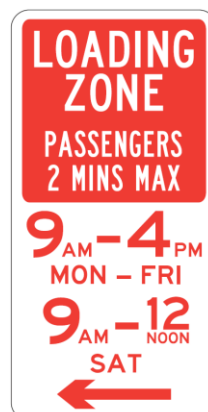
You may stop in a no parking zone as long as you are dropping off or picking up passengers or goods. You must not leave your vehicle unattended (i.e. move more than 3 metres away), and you must not stay for longer than 2 minutes.

Loading Zone (All Vehicles)



You must not stop in a loading zone unless you are dropping off or picking up passengers (max. 2 minutes, or 5 minutes for disabled passengers), are dropping off or picking up goods (max. 20 minutes), or are driving a bus, truck or commercial vehicle (max. 30 minutes).

Passenger Loading Zone



The passenger loading zone sign indicates an area designated for picking up or dropping off passengers. You must not remain in the zone for longer than signed (generally 2 minutes).

Loading zone signs often display times during which the loading zone applies.

Disabled Parking



Only vehicles displaying a current parking permit for people with disabilities may park in a designated disabled parking area. Some disabled parks may also have a maximum duration (e.g. 2P) that must be adhered to.

Bus Zone



You must not stop in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus. You must also leave a gap of 20m before and 10m after a bus stop, unless signed otherwise. This gives room for the bus to enter and exit safely.

Information in this fact sheet should not be used for legal interpretation. Queensland Government legislation can be accessed from the website of the Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel at: <https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/>