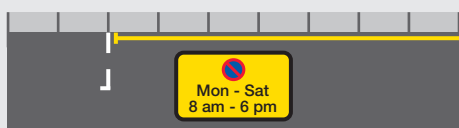




SAFE PARKING

Did you know?

- Drivers face a non-endorsable fixed penalty of £50–£100 for causing an unnecessary obstruction by parking opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction.
- The average motorist in the UK spends nearly 4 days every year looking for parking spaces.
- Parking lights must be used during the night on a road or layby on a highway with a speed limit higher than 30mph.



A single yellow line painted on the road or kerb means that parking is allowed, but is restricted. Normally, parking is allowed between certain times. Signs on the road show the times parking is restricted.

A double yellow line - either painted on the road or on the kerb means no waiting at any time, unless there are signs that specifically indicate seasonal restrictions. Loading and unloading is permitted on double yellow lines for a short period of time, but where there are yellow markings on the kerb and upright signs to advise restrictions are in place, no loading, unloading, waiting or parking is permitted at any time.



Loading bays and parking spaces should not be confused. A loading bay will be marked by a dotted white line surrounding it, along with the words 'Loading Only' painted on the road.

Drivers could get penalty points on their licence for leaving a vehicle in a dangerous position.

Best practice tips:

- You must not park on a road at night facing against the direction of the traffic flow unless in a recognised parking space.
- Do not park too close to a vehicle displaying a Blue Badge.
- Switch engine, headlights, and fog lights off.
- Drivers must not drive or park in a cycle lane marked by a solid white line during its times of operation, or drive or park in a cycle lane marked by a broken white line unless it is unavoidable.
- Dutch Reach: Where you are able to do so, you should open the vehicle door using your hand on the opposite side to the door you are opening; for example, use your left hand to open a door on your right-hand side. This will make you turn your head to look over your shoulder. You are then more likely to avoid causing injury to cyclists or motorcyclists passing you on the road, or to people on the pavement.



When exiting the vehicle, drivers must ensure they do not hit anyone when opening their door and should check for cyclists or other traffic by using mirrors and looking all around them.

In some cases, single red lines are used instead of yellow lines. The times that the red line restrictions apply will be shown on nearby signs, but a double red line means no stopping at any time.

Drivers risk a fine and penalty points by parking on yellow or white zig-zag lines. Yellow zig-zags needs an accompanying sign to be legally enforceable. White lines, on the other hand, are enforced by local authorities and the police and they do not require a sign to be enforceable.

A red cross over a blue background indicates a clearway, which means no stopping at any time – not even to pick up or set down passengers.

Avoid parking on the pavement as it causes an obstruction and is antisocial for pedestrians. Parking on the pavement is illegal in London. Driving on the pavement is an offence.