

Parking Enforcement in Westminster

Contravention code 01

“Parked in a restricted street during prescribed hours.”

The City of Westminster is split into six Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs). Further information, including a [map](#) that illustrates the different zones, can be viewed online.

The CPZs are themselves un-named. Signs are positioned at the entry points of each zone. The smaller areas within these zones labelled A - H are not CPZs, but are administrative zones used to manage our resident parking scheme.



The CPZ signs refer to the hours of control for the single yellow lines in that zone (different CPZs have different controlled hours).

Parking is not permitted on single yellow lines during controlled hours.

Double yellow lines are enforced at all times and no additional signs are required.



If the single yellow line restrictions differ to that of the CPZ, there will be a sign on street to confirm the different restricted hours.

The following are examples of activities that are not permitted when parked on yellow lines during controlled hours:

- Stopping to use a toilet
- Stopping to purchase items from a shop
- Stopping to use a bank machine (ATM)
- Stopping to use a mobile phone

Disabled parking on yellow lines

Even when correctly displaying a valid Blue Badge, parking on yellow lines is not permitted in Westminster.

The full concessions given in the Blue Badge Scheme do not apply when parking in the City of Westminster, along with three other boroughs in Central London (City of London, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, and London Borough of Camden, south of Euston Road).

This is because of exceptional pressure on parking and road space. For more information, please refer to page 27 of the [Blue Badge Scheme leaflet](#) produced by the Department for Transport.

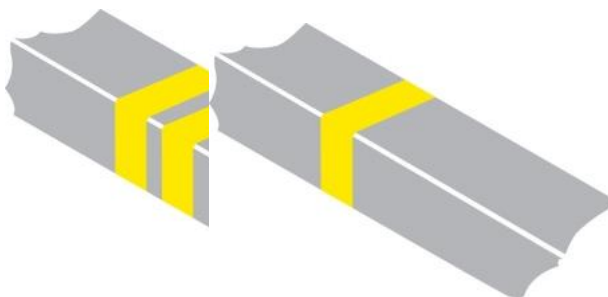
Information regarding [where to park with your Blue Badge](#) is available online.

Contravention code 02

“Parked or loading / unloading in a restricted street where waiting and loading / unloading restrictions are in force.”

Where a loading ban is in place, a waiting restriction (yellow lines) will also be enforced. The same general rules apply as for yellow lines but in addition **no vehicles** are permitted to stop for loading activities during the hours the loading ban is in place.

A loading ban is indicated on street by single or double kerb marks.



Double kerb marks are enforced at all times and may or may not have accompanying timeplates. Single kerb marks are at a location where loading is prohibited for a period less than 24 hours and will have accompanying timeplates on street.



Contravention code 11

“Parked without payment of the parking charge.”



When parking in a pay-to-park bay within Westminster it is the responsibility of the motorist to ensure the correct payment has been made, including:

- The correct Vehicle Registration Mark (VRM).
- The correct 4 digit location code.
- The correct duration of parking time (in minutes).

Blue badge holders are not afforded free parking in pay-to-park bays in Westminster, but do receive one hour of free parking after the expiry of a payment to park (e.g. pay for two hours parking, receive a third hour free of charge). Maximum stay restrictions should still be adhered to.

Contravention code 12

“Parked in a residents' or shared use parking place or zone without either clearly displaying a valid permit or voucher or pay and display ticket issued for that place, or without payment of the parking charge.”



The controlled hours for each resident bay may vary so you should check the signage upon parking. Timeplates that state 'Resident permit holders only' with no reference to specific hours of control mean the bay is for resident permit holders only, at all times.

There is a high demand for resident parking space in the City of Westminster and to ensure that as much space as possible is made available for permit holders, any vehicle parked in a permit holder's bay without clearly displaying a permit is a high priority for enforcement action. The City Council needs to take this course of action to keep

resident bays clear for use by permit holders, who pay an annual fee to park near their homes.

To park in a resident bay, **you must** have a valid Westminster resident permit on display for the relevant zone.

The following rules also apply in resident bays within Westminster:

- A disabled person's Blue Badge does not allow parking in a resident bay
- Payments made for pay-to-park bays do not allow parking in resident permit holders only bays.
- Loading/unloading is limited to 20 minutes during the bay's controlled hours

Each parking place contains its own sign(s), which govern that place only. The City Council would not expect a motorist to cross the street in order to read a sign. Please be aware that the sign closest to where your vehicle is parked may not always be the one relevant to the bay you have parked in.

Contravention code 21

"Parked wholly or partly in a suspended bay or space."

You must not use a suspended bay to park, wait or load/unload whilst the suspension is in force, even if it appears that there is no work taking place.



Suspension signs will include the following information:

- The date and times when the suspension is in force and when parking is not permitted
- The number of spaces/bays which are suspended (a space within a bay which doesn't have spaces individually marked is taken to be 5 metres)
- The exact location of the suspended spaces or bays
- The reason for the suspension
- The unique suspension reference

The City Council may need to suspend parking in a particular bay (or number of bays) for a range of different reasons. Suspensions will generally be advertised by a single sign, which is normally affixed to the information plate closest to the starting point of the bay or group of bays. Therefore, in the case of a number of bays being suspended, the suspension sign may be some distance from the farthest bay(s) included.

The location description should always be checked carefully to ensure you do not inadvertently park in a suspended bay or space. The location will generally be indicated

by referencing a building number or piece of street furniture, for example “2 Pay by Phone bays outside nos 21-22”.

If a suspension has ended early then a ‘Return to Service’ sticker will be placed over the suspension sign. If you are in any doubt as to whether or not a particular bay or space is suspended, it is recommended that you call Parking Services on 0207 823 4567.

Suspended Pay to Park bays

Our pay-to-park payment system is not configured with the details of ongoing and imminent suspensions within Westminster. A suspension may only affect part of a bay and the dates and hours during which suspensions are in force can also vary within a large bay. For this reason, the motorist must ensure that the signs are checked carefully for any bay in which they intend to park.

As a suspension can be in force at any time including outside of normal controlled hours when parking would usually be permitted free of charge, you should always check the length of the bay upon parking at any time of the day or night, even if you park at the location regularly and you feel you are aware of the times when controls operate.