Pavement parking becomes illegal from Monday

From Monday parking on pavements is illegal in Scotland, although Edinburgh will delay enforcing the new rules until January.

It will be illegal to park on pavements, double park, park at crossing points, park on verges between roads and pavements.

The new rules are intended to make it safer for pedestrians and for those who have children in prams and buggies, as well as wheelchair users.

It is intended to minimise the damage to pavements which are expensive to repair and become a trip hazard for everyone.

Parking attendants will have powers to issue Penalty charge notices (parking tickets) to vehicles parked on pavements, at crossing points or double parked. A parking ticket will be issued at the national level of **£100** but reduced to **£50** if paid within the first 14 days. This follows a similar process to existing parking tickets issued in Edinburgh.

The Council has decided that there will be **no exemptions** proposed to allow any one to park on pavements or footways in the city. We will write to residents in streets where there are already pavement parking problems. Making them aware of the forthcoming changes and asking them to park their vehicles safely.

You can now tell the council about incorrect parking on footways, double parking and parking at dropped crossings

using their <u>report incorrectly parked vehicles online form</u>.

Enforcement of the new rules will start in 2024, but the council may still take action if there is an existing kerb side restriction.

More information on the new rules here.

