

Parking Like You Should Keeps a Tank Off Your Hood

Do you park in visitor's spots, even though you are not a visitor?

Is that your giant Lexus SUV parked in a fuel-efficient vehicle space?

And, worst of all, have you illegally zipped into a handicapped access parking area, because you were "just going to be there a minute?"

If so, this story is for you.



Parking illegally is not a joke.

Recently, a mayor in Lithuania became so frustrated with people parking illegally, he decided to run over the offending cars with an armored vehicle. That is one emphatic way to make the point that illegal parking is not cool.

As Michael Barrow, security manager at Dell Children's, UMCB and SAO, can attest, vehicles are improperly parked on any given day throughout the Seton Healthcare Family. These violations occur in areas with distinct signage and/or painted curbs that notify drivers of the parking rules associated with

the area. The signs also bear the warning that violators may be towed.

Although Seton security has not been authorized to crush illegally parked cars with a tank, they have been authorized to begin a more strict enforcement of the towing policy. "Please remind your staff, visitors and vendors that towing may occur if a vehicle is found violating Seton's parking rules," Mike said.

The old Seton legend that "**the Daughters don't tow**" is a relic from a different time. "We really are going to tow," said Sr. Helen Brewer, DC, chair of the Seton Board of Trustees. "At its root, parking illegally is in conflict with our value of **respect**. When we park somewhere we should not, we deprive those who are rightfully entitled to park there."

It is also a matter of safety. Parking in fire zones and other designated service vehicle areas can prevent emergency crews from reaching the scene of an emergency, potentially resulting in loss of life and property.

Don't take a chance when parking. We're pretty sure Sr. Helen can drive a tank.