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If you don't need the emergency medical care, you'll be asked to move on, immediately. If you don't move, you'll be ticketed. If a ticket is issued, the case will go before a judge.

**Documents you can show the police officer or use in court:**

Mobility Impaired Bus Pass  
Social Security Disability Award Letter  
Food Stamp Work Exemption  
Any Letter from a Doctor or Hospital  
Any Letter from MHMR/Integral Care  
Letter from David Powell Clinic  
V.A Disability card/letter  
**or other**

You should also NOT get a ticket if:

You are:

-viewing a parade, demonstration, rally or the like.

-in a bus stop area waiting to use transportation.

-in line waiting for goods, services or public event.

-on a chair or bench provided by a public agency or the abutting private property owner.

Or when Austin is experiencing *extreme weather* e.g. heat /cold/ Ozone Action Day etc.

**If you get a ticket,  
immediately bring it to  
Richard R. Troxell at the  
ARCH.**



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Starting May 1, 2011, the **No Sit/No Lie Ordinance** will be amended to protect people with **physical and mental** disabilities.

You can have a **30 minute rest** to "catch your breath" if you are disabled and you are feeling (but not limited to):

**weakness,  
shortness of breath,  
heart problems,  
light headed,  
pain  
migraine headache, etc.**

So, if you need to sit or lie down because you are disabled... You **MUST** tell the police officer that you are disabled because you suffer from:

diabetes  
congestive heart failure  
schizophrenia  
bipolar disorder  
depression  
cerebral palsy  
**or any other disability**

**If a police officer approaches you** and asks why you are sitting down, Tell him you are disabled, "I have diabetes (etc)-**see above**, I'm feeling dizzy (or whatever-**see above**). I just need a minute or two." The officer should ask if you need emergency care and if not, he should tell you: "OK, I'll be back in about 30 minutes. (You may be issued a warning ticket at this point). If after the 30 minutes you're still there and having a problem, you'll again be checked for emergency medical care.

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