



# Buckle Up Express

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## June Child Passenger Safety Class in Riverton



Wyoming was one of the first states to utilize the revised curriculum of the Child Passenger Safety Training held in Riverton on June 11-14. Seven individuals successfully completed the course and two used it as an update and re-certification class. The instructors found that the revised curriculum is much more interactive and the students spent more time in the vehicles and applying their skills in a very practical way.

The class included students from Cheyenne, Evanston, Ft. Washakie, Gillette, Jackson, Mountain View and Rock Springs. All of the students did a fantastic job and were the first class not having to take the 100 question test on the last day, but rather the 3 assessments during the week.

The Buckle Up Kids Program would like to thank the Fairgrounds Office for the facility and also Brodrick Motors for the use of their vehicles.

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Remember that education does not stop after you complete the certification class. There are many opportunities to increase and use your skills. Through the WYDOT Highway Safety Program and the Buckle Up Kids grant, there are (5) \$150.00 grants available to be used on child passenger safety training for Community Short Courses. The course must be a 2-4 hour course regarding child passenger safety. The curriculum should cover the important aspects of child passenger safety. **It must be taught by a certified CPS technician.** It must be taught to a community agency/group that will utilize the information. The funds are reimbursement funds. The money must be used for the class needs (Food, location, supplies, etc) and receipts must be submitted for the supplies. It does not mean you have to have a check-up event, just an informational workshop. **If you are interested in the \$150.00 grant, contact**

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Enclosed is registration information for the 2-day Transporting Children With Special Health Care Needs training October 23-24, at the Children's Hospital. (new location in Aurora at Colfax and I-225)



A misuse scenario—all students passed this one!

# Re-certification 2007

## Basic re-certification requirements and deadlines

- Five seat checks approved by a certified instructor or proxy
- Community education
- Minimum of six hours of CPS technical continuing education units
- Register and pay the re-certification fee **before your certification expiration date**

## Community Education

**OPTION 1:** Two-hour check up event with at least one other CPS Technician at which you serve families using any standardized checklist to provide documentation, if needed.

**OPTION 2:** Provide at least four hours of community education. Examples include presenting to parents, educators, kids, organizations (PTAs, law enforcement). These are presentations to non-CPSTs. You are welcome to combine smaller events for the requirement.

## Categories of CEUs (CEUs are self-certified and are subject to random auditing)

1. In-person Session/Workshop (maximum 6 CEUs)
2. Observing a CPS Certification or Renewal Course (max. 3 CEUs)
3. Teleconferences (max. 5 CEUs)
4. Online/Web sessions (max. 5 CEUs)
5. Newsletters/Manuals/Journals (max. 3 CEUs)

Technicians and instructors may mix and match categories to meet the six required hours of continuing education. All categories of CEUs must meet the content requirements of improving CPS technical knowledge such as LATCH, a child restraint manufacturer workshop or CPS technical update. Non-technical CPS sessions, such as how to get funding or run an inspection station, do not qualify.

**Check up events, while valuable, do not qualify for CEUs, but do meet Option #1 of the Community Education Requirement.**

## Online courses

### **Provided by: The Illinois Department of Transportation**

Total available: 4 CEUs

Location: <http://www.buckleupillinois.org/>

Comments: The IL DOT had their IL CPS Conference professionally taped last November. Technicians across the nation can get up to four CEUs by viewing the Web streaming and taking the associated quizzes.

### **Provided by: National Child Passenger Safety Board**

Total available: 2 CEUs

Location: <http://www.cpsboard.org/>

Comments: Two presentations. One about New Child Restraints and a combined one about Boosters and Airbags. Each presentation is available for download. After viewing each presentation, technicians will have to pass an online quiz. A certificate/proof of completion will appear on the screen upon successful completion of the quiz. This should be printed and filed immediately.

**There will be no electronic record of a technician's completing the online session.** If the certificate of completion is lost, the technician will have to retake the online session quiz. Technicians must be able to print their certificate of completion at the end of the session. Details and instructions are available on the website.

## Informative Websites:

- [Safekidswyoming.org](http://Safekidswyoming.org)  
**Safe Kids Wyoming**
- [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov)  
National Hwy Traffic Safety Administration
- [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org)  
Safe Kids WorldList
- [www.carseat.org](http://www.carseat.org)  
SafetyBeltSafe USA
- [www.cpsboard.org](http://www.cpsboard.org)  
National Child Passenger Safety Board
- <http://wydotweb.state.wy.us>  
Wyoming Department of Transportation
- [www.carseatdata.org/](http://www.carseatdata.org/)  
Car seat Compatibility List
- [www.hsrec.unc.edu](http://www.hsrec.unc.edu)  
Car Seat Recall List
- [www.kidsncars.org](http://www.kidsncars.org)  
Kids Safe In and Around Cars

Why use the internet? The NHTSA website offers you the newest recalls, program information, and free materials. The CPS Board site provides Technician Update Reports on new products, techniques and recertification answers.

## NHTSA's Nason Earns CPST Credential

Nicole R. Nason, Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, is one of country's newest Child Passenger Safety Technicians after completing a rigorous three-day course, making her the highest-ranking government official ever to hold the credential. Although NHTSA developed and updates the curriculum, this is the first time an Administrator has become a certified CPS Technician. Nason, a mother of two, noted that technicians can give caregivers the knowledge and confidence to install and adjust car seats correctly themselves. "Caregivers have such an enormous responsibility to make sure children are buckled up correctly, every time they ride," said Nason. "That is why programs like this are so vital for keeping children safe." The instructor team was lead by Alexis Kagiliery-Lee. Kerry Chausmer and J.J. Current of Safe Kids Worldwide, Kelly Hamilton of Safe Kids Palm Beach County (Fla.) and Jessica Butterfield of NHTSA made up the rest of the instructor team. On behalf of the 30,000 CPS certified individuals across the country and abroad, we welcome her and hope she and the other members of her class enjoy their first edition of the CPS Express!.

## Wallet Card Handy in Court

An officer in Kauai, Hawaii, cited a motorist for a child seat violation and was taken to court. During his testimony, the defense asked if he was an expert or if he had any special training in car seats. He reached into his wallet took out the card and showed the card to the defense, who was apprised that the officer was a nationally certified child passenger safety technician. The judge was impressed and the defendant was convicted.

Submitted by Charles M. Hirata, Maui Police Department (Maui, HI)

## New Latch Manual/2007

**The 5th edition of the LATCH Manual** focuses on understanding the universal method of installing child restraints in vehicles (LATCH). It is based on the latest research studies. The manual also covers retrofitting of tether anchors in older vehicles, including instructions and part numbers. The cost of the LATCH manual is \$26.95 and can be ordered at [saferidenews.com](http://saferidenews.com).

**CEU Note: Recertification credit is available for the use of the manual** (*quiz available from [saferidenews.com](http://saferidenews.com)*)

## Security Notice

Have you updated your CPS Online Profile password? Now is a great time to log in and personalize your password.

1. Go to <http://www.safekids.org/certification>
2. Click on Online Services/Log In (top or right)
3. Select Certification Management
4. Enter your username and password. Forgot your log in information? Use the "Forgot Your Password" feature or call CPS Customer Service toll-free at (877) 366-8154.
5. Once in your profile, select the action item called Change Password

## Technician Manual Downloads

Download the 2007 Technician Manual in English or Spanish at:  
[http://www.cpsboard.org/techmanual\\_downloads.htm](http://www.cpsboard.org/techmanual_downloads.htm)

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## **Sunset Clause Petition Concerning Lockable Belts**

With Safe Ride News Publications, SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. submitted a petition to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration concerning the sunset clause, permitting motor vehicle manufacturers to omit lockable belts in locations with lower anchors for LATCH attachments beginning in 2012, in FMVSS 208. Some of you have written in support of that petition. However, we want all of you to know that we have heard from NHTSA that our petition will be the basis of developing a rulemaking process.

To read the letter, which cautions that we may not get the rule we requested, go to [ww.carseat.org](http://ww.carseat.org); there is a link on the Home Page. Watch for more feedback as the process unfolds. This petition originated when Deborah Stewart and I were at the Kidz in Motion Conference last summer. We were permitted to address the conference attendees with issues that were of concern. This was #1; the conference encouraged us to petition, and many signed the first draft. We will be pleased to return to the conference this summer with the good news. We have observed that this conference is an excellent opportunity for CPS advocates to meet, learn, and share.

Thanks to those of you who supported the petition. We'll let you know when there is something for your comment in future.

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