

HIGHWAY SAFETY



Program

Buckle Up Express

FEATURING WYOMING'S CPS TEAM

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New Products on the Market



World Plus Combination Seat

New to the U.S. market, this German company utilizes international experience and research paired with U.S. expertise in adaptation, education, consumer services, and marketing. The **World Plus** comes from Kiddy and will launch this summer. The seat will cost \$229 and ranges in FF mode from 20-40 lbs and in Belt Positioning Mode from 40-110 lbs.

The seat is very unusual in the U.S.—it uses a crushable foam “shield” instead of a harness. It is important not to confuse the function of this design with either old-style shield boosters or tray shields that combine rigid plastic shields with harnesses. The **World Plus** builds on a long-standing European approach to energy management using crushable foam, as was in the Britax Laptop. To learn more, go to: www.kiddyusa.com.

Hope Car Bed

Merritt Manufacturing is gearing up to release the new Hope Car Bed that will accommodate children weighing from 4.5 to 35 lbs. This seat will meet a critical product need, since current car bed models can hold children up to only 20 pounds. The seat will begin shipping by July 1st, 2010. To learn more about the Hope Car Bed, visit Merritt Manufacturing at www.eztether.com.



Upcoming Child Passenger Safety Technician Trainings

Certification Course: Riverton / August 17-20 / Fremont Cty Fairgrounds (Registration Attached)

Renewal Course (If expired and would like to be renewed in an 8 hour course)

August 16 / Fremont Cty Fairgrounds

Update Course (If currently certified and need to receive your 6 CEUs and seats checked off)

August 16 / Fremont Cty Fairgrounds

(email: Stephanie.heitsch@crmcwy.org for registration information)

Wyoming's Technician Re-certification

Below are the simple steps on what it takes to re-certify.

Remember-you are responsible for entering your information on-line to re-certify.

The steps for re-certification are not as complicated as they may seem and we need to all try to complete them to maintain our certification. Follow these simple steps below, start early and you will not loose your certification.

*You will need your username and password to be able to enter all your information into your profile at:
<http://www.safekids.org/certification/>. Call 877-366-8154, if you do not have that information.*

1) Five seat checks approved by a certified instructor or proxy. If needing a proxy in your area, contact stephanie.heitsch@crmcwy.org

2) Community education (Have a certificate of proof in case of auditing)

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. Visit safekidswyoming.org

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.

3) Minimum of six hours of CPS technical continuing education units (See below)

CEUs are self-certified and are subject to random auditing.

Remember to print the proof of your CEUs in case of auditing.

4) Register and pay the re-certification fee **before and within 4 months of your certification expiration date**

Easy ways to get all 6 CEUs !

Newsletter Category/Max 3 CEUs in this Category

1 CEU—Every Wyoming Technician is credited one CEU for receiving the Safe Ride News Publication. Contact nancy@saferidenews.com for Proof of Purchase

1 CEU— Take the LATCH Manual Quiz. Go to saferidenews.com to learn more

1 CEU—Take the CR Manufacturer's Quiz. Go to carseat.org to learn more

1 CEUs—Reading the Tech Update and taking quizzes at www.cpsboard.org

Online/Web Sessions Category/Max 5 CEUs in this Category

4 CEUs— Three presentations and Quizzes on www.cpsboard.org

5 CEUs-- <http://www.safekidswbinars.org/>

4.5 CEUs-<http://www.buckleupnc.org/training/index.cfm>

4 CEUs- <http://advocates.britaxusa.com/default.aspx> Britax

1 CEU- <http://www.safetymadeeasier.com/> Evenflo

In-person Session Category/Max 6 CEUs in this Category

The update course for 6 CEUs may be taught by a technician. For more information on the course, contact: Stephanie.heitsch@crmcwy.org.

Informative Websites:

- Safekidswyoming.org
Safe Kids Wyoming
- www.nhtsa.gov
National Hwy Traffic Safety Administration
- www.safekids.org
Safe Kids Worldwide
- www.carseat.org
SafetyBeltSafe USA
- www.cpsboard.org
National Child Passenger Safety Board
- www.dot.state.wy.us
Wyoming Department of Transportation
- www.carseatdata.org/
Car seat Compatibility List
- www.hsrec.unc.edu
Car Seat Recall List
- 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.

The Infant Seat and Base Have Different Expiration Dates



Could you please give me an explanation on why some infant seats with bases have separate expiration dates on the base of the seat and on the seat itself?

What should parents do about that?

Expiration dates are based on the date of manufacturer. It is possible that the infant seat and the base were manufactured on separate dates, yielding different expirations. The difference would be most extensive if an "extra base" was purchased for use in a second vehicle or as a replacement/add-on. For this reason, expiration AND recall status should be checked for both the infant seat AND the base. In most cases, the model number and date of manufacture will match, but not in all.

We, as technicians, must follow the manufacturer expirations. If a parent or caregiver wants additional consultation about a specific situation, he or she should contact the manufacturer's consumer services department.

Do I Need To Be Concerned About The Fold-down Armrest In The Center Seat?

Nope! For those of you who may have heard not to put a rear-facing child safety seat in front of a fold-down armrest, here is how that myth got started. Years ago, one child safety seat manufacturer (Evenflo) slipped this sentence into the instruction manual for all of their rear-facing safety seats: "When this restraint is used rear-facing, DO NOT place it in a seating position with a fold-down armrest. During an impact, the movement of the armrest can cause serious injury or death to your infant." Evenflo was never able to provide even one real-world example where a baby was hurt in a crash because of an armrest. None of the other child safety seat manufacturers ever even thought the arm rest was a problem. In fact, no one in the safety field is even aware of one injury to a rear-facing baby due to the arm rest. Eventually, Evenflo removed this statement from all of their seats and now allows any of their seats to be placed in front of a fold-down armrest. Remember, the study that found that kids are 43% safer in the center was from real-world crashes, with real babies riding rear-facing in front of fold-down armrests.

Safe Kids is delighted to share recent program enhancements

To change your username: Log into your CPS online profile. Click on the action item "Change your username", which is above "Change Your Password" NOTE: By default, your username is your SKID number, which becomes your Certification ID (T#) when you become certified.

To enter one or more seat checks: Log into your CPS online profile. Click on the action item "Recertification...(enter information)" Click on the button: Click Here to Add Seat Checks

To have easy access to a number of available on-line CEU opportunities: Under the recertification action link, click on the sub-bullet called "Online CEUs". Available links:

Safe Kids/NHTSA Online Tech Update Courses
Britax Tech Site

National CPS Board
Evenflo Tech Site

Click on any option and follow each site's instructions.

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Using Non-Regulated Products:Manufacturers Respond

A technician asks: “We’ve been discussing the issue of seat protectors, be it a towel or commercially manufactured vehicle seat protectors designed to be used with child restraints. We would like to make a general recommendation to our fitting stations concerning the use of these unregulated products if the information is not in the CSS manual. I feel that a thin mat or towel will not interfere with the performance of the seat in a crash.”

Responses provided in alphabetical order

- **Baby Trend:** Much depends of the specific design, materials, and construction of the protector, and since they are not subject to any standards, there is no testing done on them. If they are too thick, too slippery, too stiff, or not cleared out in LATCH locations, then they can and do interfere with good installation of a child restraint. A thin blanket or towel is what we recommend.
- **Britax:** The use of non-Britax Child Safety, Inc. covers, inserts, toys, accessories, or tightening devices is not approved by Britax. Their use could cause a child seat to fail Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards or not perform as intended in a crash.
- **Chicco:** Not approved. See Chicco Web site for approved list of non-regulated products: <http://www.chiccousa.com/info/Chicco-FAQ.aspx>
- **Combi:** Combi has no problem with the use of the seat protector mats as long the restraint can be installed to fit correctly and the mat does not interfere with the seat belt or LATCH anchors. Our instruction manuals actually say it is recommended so that the vehicle seat is protected.
- **Graco:** Per our instruction manual Under Cleaning & Maintenance: “Continuous Use of Infant Restraint May Cause Damage to Vehicle Seat. Use an infant restraint mat, towel or thin blanket to protect upholstery. Follow the installation instructions, ensure that the seat is secure and meets the less than 1” translation criteria.
- **Ride Safer:** Seat protectors should not be used with the Ride Safer Travel Vests because they may bunch up under the child and behind the child. Some protector mats may increase the probability of the child submarining.

Why Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Training?

Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death and injury to our children under the age of 16. The number one killer of our youth is motor vehicle crashes. In 2007, eight children ages 0-14 were killed and 594 children were injured on our Wyoming roadways. Effective child passenger safety training is very important – not only in terms of providing technical information, but also in raising the awareness of the importance of proper occupant restraint usage by our youngest and most precious travelers. In 2008, more than 1300 car seats were checked throughout Wyoming with 90% installed incorrectly.

The course will expand your existing skills and increase your confidence, enabling you to better provide this valuable, lifesaving service to your community. Documented CPS training and experience also can help reduce employer and practitioner liability.

Upon completion of the NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) standardized course, which has both written and hands-on components of testing, you will be certified as a Child Passenger Safety Technician. By supporting national certification, you help enhance the credibility and professionalism of the CPS community and the organizations that employ CPS technicians, including your own. Technician certification provides you with an additional level of quality control and assurance that you are providing up-to-date information.

Expectations of Training Participants

- Maintain CPS Training Certification through Safe Kids Worldwide by recertifying biannually through education and CEUs.
- Participate in at least three (3) Check Up events per year.
- Conduct presentations in your community on Child Passenger Safety.

**NHTSA CPS
Training Information
... Inside Space!**

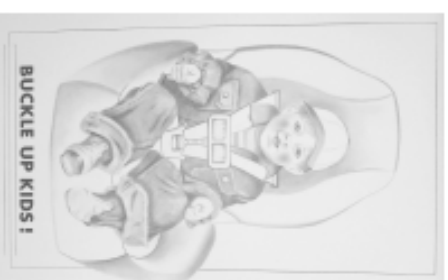
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**NHTSA Certified
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Technician Training**

Aug 17, 18, 19, 20, 2010

Application deadline: July 28, 2010

**Fremont County Fairgrounds
1010 Fairgrounds Drive
Riverton, WY 82501**



Supporting Agencies



Injury Prevention

Who Should Attend?

Anyone involved in child passenger safety education that wishes to teach accurate information to parents or the general public. Examples include: nurses working in obstetrical, pediatrics, emergency room or home programs, physical therapy staff, childcare providers, physicians, law enforcement, firefighters, car dealership staff and parents. **Continuing education contact hours (CECH) are available for law enforcement, fire and rescue, child care providers and nurses.**

When

Because this workshop is limited to 25 attendees, and our goal is to have all 25 "graduates" become active in CPS, we require students to attend **ALL FOUR classroom sessions AND the Check-Up Event**. Please do not apply if you cannot attend the entire training.

Tuesday-Thursday, Aug 17-19, 2010

8:00 am-5:30 pm Lecture, Hands-On, & Testing

Friday, Aug 20, 2010

8:00 am-3:00 pm Class & Check-Up Event

(12:00-3:00) (Fairgrounds)

(required attendance to complete training)

Limited Registrations

Only 25 applications will be accepted for this course. Your rapid return of this application is important if you are planning to attend. The application deadline is July 28th, 2010. Late registrations will be assessed a \$10 late fee. You will be notified of your acceptance to this class and provided with additional course and hotel information by August 9th. Cancellations received by July 28th, 2010 will be refunded \$75.00 of the registration fee. Substitution requests will be included in additional information.

The registration fee of \$150.00 must accompany your application. The registration fee helps to cover the expenses of all course materials, lunch each day, break food and beverages, rental of the training center, registration of the class and a child passenger safety shirt. Additional costs are paid for through a Federal 402 Highway Safety Grant. **For scholarship information, call 307-633-7525.**

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Lodging Information

Students requiring lodging (more than 50 miles from the training), please fill out the lodging information:

Name: _____

Roommate name: _____

(A roommate helps to lower the costs of the class)

Single Room _____ Double Room _____

Smoking _____ Non-Smoking _____

Nights of lodging will be booked for Aug 16, 17, 18, 19. Lodging will be booked and paid for each attendee through a Federal 402 Highway Safety Grant. You will receive full hotel details by Aug 9th.

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Student Application Form

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Preferred mailing address provided below is:
Work _____ Home (circle one) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Men's Shirt Size _____

To reserve spaces for individuals in an organization, please send in the registration fee immediately and the names of the individuals by July 28th, 2010.

Return this application section before July 28th, 2010, with the \$150.00 registration fee. Make checks payable to:

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