

HIGHWAY SAFETY



Program

Buckle Up Express

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WYDOT Highway Safety Program and Cheyenne Regional Medical Center Injury Prevention

Mom cited: Toddler removed from baby seat to make room for gas can in Colorado



AURORA — Veteran Aurora police and highway officials were stunned by a photo taken during a recent traffic stop, which shows a diapered toddler who is not properly restrained, sitting next to a gas can belted into a baby seat. "This could be one of the extreme incidents we've ever seen," said Aurora Police spokesman Frank Fania. The car was stopped May 30 by an officer doing improper turn enforcement near East Iliff Avenue and Tower Road. He found that none of the occupants were using seat belts. A 14-year-old was also a passenger in the car. The female driver, the mother of children, was cited for no proof of insurance and three counts of seat belt violations, Fania said. The

driver's name was not released. Under Colorado law, the boy should have been placed in a rear-or-forward facing car seat, said Colorado Department of Transportation spokesman Stacey Stegman. The photo drew wide attention when it was posted on CDOT's Facebook page. "People were pretty outraged," Stegman said. "Besides not wearing seat belts, people were also angry about the gas can. Even if it was empty, people worried the boy was being exposed to toxic fumes."

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Closer to home in Wyoming

At one of the seat checks here in Wyoming this seat arrived forward facing. The seat is a rear facing carrier made by Dorel rated up to 22 pounds. The child was 14 months and weighed 21 pounds. The harness straps behind the seat had a tail of 5" on one side, and 1/8" on the other. As you can see, the belt is clearly used incorrectly and in a crash would most likely cause serious injury to the child.

Upcoming Child Passenger Safety Technician Trainings

Certification Course: Sheridan / August 7-10, 2012 / Registration Form is Attached

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

Sheridan / August 6, 2012 / Rocky Mountain Ambulance Service

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

Sheridan / August 6, 2012 / Rocky Mountain Ambulance Service

(email: Stephanie.heitsch@crmcwy.org for registration information for the Renewal and Update Courses)

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

7 CEUs-- <http://www.safekidswebinars.org/>

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

5 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

Attend an update course for 6 CEUs as 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.

New NHTSA Web Site and PSA Campaign

The Right Seat – Child Car Safety PSA Campaign

- Promotes child car safety and was developed in partnership with the Ad Council.
- Targets parents and caregivers of 0-12-year-olds who *think* their children are in the right car seats.
- The key message of the PSAs is, “Parents who really know it all, know for sure their child is in the right car seat.”
- Creative material can be viewed at: ftp.nhtsa.dot.gov. Select the folder named: CPS Creative

Parents Central Web Site - SaferCar.gov/parents

- Houses everything parents need to know about protecting their kids—from car seats to car keys.
- PSA creative will direct audiences to Safercar.gov/TheRightSeat, part of *Parents Central*, to find out if they have their children in the right car seats and learn how to install and use car seats correctly.

Advanced Airbag Sensor Question

Question: (Written by a technician in Idaho) In many vehicles it would be impossible to get a rear-facing seat in without some touching on the front seats unless the

seats are pushed all the way forward, then making it unsafe for front seat passengers/drivers. With an increasingly amount of Advanced Airbags being put into vehicles if there was no touching allowed it would make all our work to keep everyone safe as possible in the car moot point. We are pushing to keep kids rear-facing longer, so parents are choosing taller seats that allow them to keep their kids rear-facing longer. Is there REALLY danger of a seat lightly touching the front seats in a vehicle with Advanced Airbags?

Answer: (Written by SafeRideNews) I agree that this is a subject that is causing confusion and is more worrisome these days as CRs are taller and are more likely to touch the front setback. Some thoughts:

- * If there is a risk due to pressure/weight on or under the front passenger seat, information about this should be found in the vehicle owner's manual. These manufacturer cautions are serious and should indeed be heeded.
- * Also, the vehicle manufacturers provide information on this subject in the 2011 LATCH Manual. If you check the bullet section that heads up each brand, you should find a bullet that addresses whether or not the sensor technology used by that brand is one that could be affected by weight/pressure on the setback or underside of the seat. (Note that a few manufacturers did not provide SRN with a response to that question, and that some brands could not provide one answer for the entire brand because sensor types vary among models.)
- * We've reported on this subject in a past issue of Safe Ride News. For that article, Honda told SRN that the way that company would describe pressure that is too great as being when a sheet of paper between the CR and the vehicle seat could not easily be pulled free with a light tug.
- * Interference with the AAB is only a concern behind/under the front passenger seat. This is not an issue behind the driver or in the center.
- * The seatback pressure/AAB concern is a separate issue than the Evenflo directions to leave 1.5 inch clearance for it's infant CRs. So, even if you've determined that the AAB is not a concern in a particular scenario, the Evenflo directions still apply.
- * Some current CR models have the ability to be installed a bit more upright for older children, which helps with some fore-aft fit issues. Examples are Britax and new dual-line-labeled Dorel models, and Diono has its new angle adjuster accessory for its Radians that it says makes the CR take up 4" less space.

Child Seat Requirements change with 2014 Rule

The rule requires child-seat makers to tell parents not to use the lower anchors required in cars since

2001 if children and their car seats have a combined weight of 65 pounds, because the strength of the anchors cannot be guaranteed. Child seats typically weigh 15 to 33 pounds. So the new rule means some children as light as 32 pounds might not be able to use the LATCH system.

Joseph Colella, one of five child-safety advocates who petitioned the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to change the rule, says the anchor requirements are based on old child seats and outdated recommendations on how long kids should be in child seats. The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers sought the change in the rule because limits weren't factoring in how much seats weigh. Colella says carmakers aren't able to guarantee the safety of heavier kids given the strength of LATCH anchors.

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Chronology of Seatbelt and Child Restraint Laws in Wyoming

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Effective Date	Type of Law	Description of Law
7/1/1985	Child Restraint	All children 3 years of age or younger weighing 40lbs or less. Fine: \$25.
6/1/1989	Seat Belt	Front seat occupants only. No penalty for violation. \$5 reduction on moving violation if seatbelt worn.
7/1/1998	Child Restraint	Age changed to 5 years or younger. Fine increased to \$50
7/1/2000	Seat Belt	Applies to all occupants. Fine \$25 for driver, \$10 for each passenger over 12. Under 12, driver charged with the fines of unrestrained occupants. Driver must be charged with moving violation before seat belt can be cited. \$10 reduction on moving violation if seat belt worn.
7/1/2003	Seat Belt	Removed: 'Driver must be charged with moving violation before seat belt could be cited.'
2/17/2005	Child Restraint	Child who has not reached his/her ninth birthday. Child must be properly secured in restraint and it must be properly installed, both as per manufacturer's instructions. Exemption- Child within age requirement if the lap and shoulder belt fit properly across the collarbone, chest and hips of child and does not pose danger to neck, face or abdominal area in crash or sudden stop.

**No change since 2/17/2005 on either law. Increase in fines proposed for both seat belt and child restraint laws but neither passed.*

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 2010, Wyoming saw 28 individuals from 0-24 years killed in motor vehicle crashes with 3 being 0-14. 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.

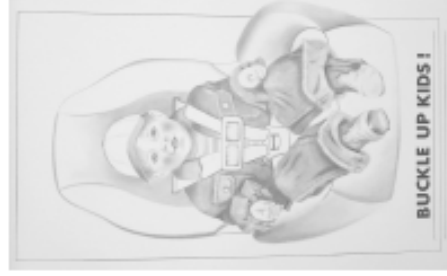
Expectations of Training Participants

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

NHTSA Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician Training

Aug 7, 8, 9, 10, 2012
Application deadline: July 13, 2012

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731 Broadway
Sheridan, WY 82801**



Cheyenne Regional Medical Center
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214 East 23rd Street
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**NHTSA CPS
Training Information
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Limited Space!**

Supporting Agencies



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 20 attendees, and our goal is to have all 20 "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 7-9, 2012

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

Friday, Aug 10, 2012

8:00 am-3:00 pm Class & Check-Up Event
(12:00-3:00) (Ambulance Service)
(required attendance to complete training)

Limited Registrations

Only 20 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 13th, 2012. 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 July 19th. Cancellations received by July 13th, 2012 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.

Wyoming CPS Instructor Team

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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 6, 7, 8, 9
Lodging will be booked and paid for each attendee through a Federal 402 Highway Safety Grant. You will receive full hotel details by July 19th.

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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 13th, 2012.

Return this application section before July 13th, 2012, with the \$150.00 registration fee. Make checks payable to:

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