

HIGHWAY SAFETY



Program

Buckle Up Express

FEATURING WYOMING'S CPS TEAM

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Test Your Skills! (Results will be in the January Newsletter)

A 12 passenger van come in with 10 children in it and 1 broken seatbelt (a lap/shoulder). There were no head restraints and the kids ranged in age from 8 months to 13 years. She had the 2 smallest in harnessed forward facing convertibles and 2 others in no label, no cover BPB, the rest were in seatbelts, some lap only. Needless to say it took 4 techs and 2 senior checkers to figure this all out and can't tell you how much time.....but a lot. We drew a diagram and had to place names and height weights to them to be able to figure it all out and where to put the kids back into the van. Safe Kids helped the situation by placing 1 child back into an additional FF harness with lap only belt, and we had to give the foster mom the tough choice of placing one of the older children into a lap belt only due to limits of places for lap shoulders and additional sizes. The rest of the kids were placed into high back booster for head protection.

Go ahead I challenge you to figure this out . It was fun but was also a tad frustrating.....but they all left safer than when they arrived, which was the goal. Gotta love a good challenge. Diana Shannon

(Captain' Chair)		(Captain's Chair)	
Lap/Shoulder	Lap Only	Lap/Shoulder	
Lap/Shoulder (Broken)	Lap Only	Lap/Shoulder	
Lap/Shoulder	Lap Only	Lap Only	Lap/Shoulder

- A-80lbs 55 inches
- B-42 lbs 46 inches
- C-62 lbs 53 inches
- D-25 lbs 32 inches (Came in FF/harness in center of Row 2)
- E-33 lbs 35 inches (came in FF/harness in center of Row 3)
- F-65 lbs 53 inches
- G-70 lbs 56 inches
- H-65 lbs 53 inches
- I-48 lbs 40 inches
- J-13 year old riding in front passenger with lap shoulder

Upcoming Child Passenger Safety Technician Trainings

Certification Course: Casper / January 8-11, 2013 / Registration Form is Attached

Renewal Course: (If expired and would like to be renewed in an 8 hour course)
Casper / January 7, 2013 / City Center Building

Update Course: (If currently certified and need to receive your 6 CEUs and seats checked off)
Casper / January 7, 2013 / City Center Building

(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

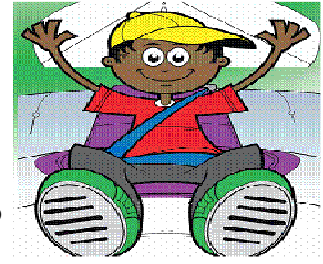
Attend an update course for 6 CEUs as a technician. For more information on the course, contact: Stephanie.heitsch@crmcwy.org.

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.

Child Passenger Safety Week Events



Wyoming ended Child Passenger Safety Week /Sept. 16-22, 2012 with education on the best way to protect your child in the car with the right seat, at the right time, and used in the right way. The misuse rate in Wyoming continues to be more than 80% installed incorrectly. Eleven counties participated with a total of 16 events across the state. Many of the events were at GM Dealers following the partnership of Safe Kids USA with GM for over 15 years. Congratulations to everyone for having a wonderful event. Many of the events were on Seat Check Saturday, September 22 to coincide with Safe Kids USA. Across the state there were 14 technicians who helped check 209 seats and they distributed 96 seats to ensure children were traveling safely.

Fact or Fiction : Can I use slip guard for a better install?

FACT and FICTION: An approved item to use with child restraints (FACT), slip guard was never intended for use to assist in providing a tight installation (FICTION). Slip guard only assists with possibly protecting a vehicle seat. It does not make an installation more secure. If you feel you need to add something for a secure installation, there may be a problem with the installation. Take a step back, double check your instructions, belt paths, and the seat belt or lower anchors snugness. Non-skid gripper is listed on page 261 and 318 in the Appendix of the student manual as a tool to have available at a your check up events. As with noodles or any other "manufacturer-approved" add-on (regulated product), use sparingly. Just because manufacturers say we can use it, doesn't mean we have to. If you have questions about a particular child restraint, contact the manufacturer directly: <http://www.cpsboard.org/childmanu.htm>.

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“While You Were Sleeping” / By David Hemenway

While We Were Sleeping: Success Stories in Injury Prevention and Violence Prevention, by David Hemenway of the Harvard Injury Control Research Center, presents a highly readable account of many successful efforts to protect people by preventing unintentional injuries and violence. It is his “personal ode to public health,” particularly injury prevention, which has fascinated him since the 19602, when he worked for Ralph Nadar and Consumers Union. He wants to explain the importance of public health because “most people do not recognize, or do not readily recall, when they personally have benefited from a public health intervention.”

Hemenway gives many fascinating examples of injury prevention measures in other settings in which serious injuries commonly occur, such as in the home, during natural catastrophes, and during play. He highlights some heroes we all know, such as Benjamin Franklin (for the lightning rod) and Father Edward Flanagan (for Boys Town and violence prevention) and others whom very few of us have heard of. He makes clear that he is only giving readers examples-volumes would have to be written to tell the full story of auto safety or even child passenger protection alone.

We, who are deeply immersed in child passenger safety, can help by speaking out for those who can be saved, or may never even realize they were “saved,” by the larger efforts of public health.

Deborah Stewart/Publisher of Safe Ride News

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Can I use an inflatable seat belt to install my BRITAX car seat?

**Please find our revised FAQ on: <http://www.britaxusa.com/support/faq/installation-questions> which includes the short version of the FAQ and includes this link to the lengthy direction by platform: <http://www.britaxusa.com/support/inflatable-seat-belt-policy>.

A. Yes- BRITAX has revised its recommendations and based upon an analysis of vehicle seat belt system testing results, the current Ford Motor Company Inflatable seat belt system is approved for use with all BRITAX car seats made to date. BRITAX will continue to evaluate information provided by automobile inflatable seat belt manufacturers and may revise these recommendations as new data becomes available. When installing a BRITAX car seat with a harness and a Ford inflatable seat belt, please see the attached.....

A PDF file has been posted on the BRITAX Advocate Extranet for Technicians to print off and use a validation FORD inflatable Seat Belts are now permitted. You can access the BRITAX Extranet by (a) logging in to your current CPS certification cycle at cert.safekids.org (b) once looking at your personal info scroll down to look at action list and you will see an option for On-line CEUs under your current certification date rang (c) Select on-line CEU Opportunities (D) BRITAX Tech Site is option number 3 (E) select BRITAX Tech Site and then you will be on the BRITAX Advocate Extranet.

Changes to our user guides will take time as we will make changes when other printed changes are required. We will be adding the following statement to manuals as able: ** This BRITAX car seat may not be compatible with every inflatable lap-shoulder belt found in all vehicle makes and models. See FAQs in the Support section of the BRITAX website for additional instructions.*

Sarah Tilton / Child Passenger Safety Advocate / Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructor
/ Transporting Children with Special Needs Technician

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 2011, more than 1900 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

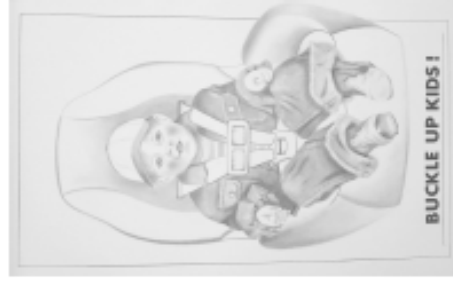
- **Maintain CPS Training Certification through Safe Kids Worldwide by recertifying biannually** through education and CEU's.
- Participate in at least three (3) Check Up events per year.
- Conduct presentations in your community on Child Passenger Safety.

NHTSA Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician Training

Jan 8, 9, 10, 11, 2013

Application deadline: Dec. 18, 2012

City Center Building/Room A&B
100 West B Street
Casper, WY 82601



Cheyenne Regional Medical Center
Injury Prevention
214 East 23rd Street
Cheyenne, WY 82001

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

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, Jan 8-10, 2013

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

Friday, Jan 11, 2013

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

(12:00-3:00) (Station #1/Casper)

(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 December 18th, 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 Dec. 25th. Cancellations received by Dec. 18th, 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 Jan 7, 8, 9, 10
Lodging will be booked and paid for each attendee through a Federal 402 Highway Safety Grant. You will receive full hotel details by Dec. 25th.

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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 December 18th, 2012.

Return this application section before December 18th, 2012, with the \$150.00 registration fee. Make checks payable to: Cheyenne Regional Medical Center Injury Prevention

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