

# HIGHWAY SAFETY



Program

# Buckle Up Express

## FEATURING WYOMING'S CPS TEAM

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### Results of Test Your Skills From October 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.

*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; CPS Instructor/Gillette*

## RESULTS!

(Captain' Chair) <b>MOM</b>		(Captain's Chair) <b>13 year old riding with lap shoulder</b>
Lap/Shoulder <b>42 lbs 46 inches</b>	Lap Only <b>25 lbs 32 inches/FF/harness</b>	Lap/Shoulder <b>80lbs 55 inches</b>
Lap/Shoulder <b>62 lbs 53 inches</b>	Lap Only <b>33 lbs 35 inches/FF/harness</b>	Lap/Shoulder <b>(Broken)</b>
Lap/Shoulder <b>65 lbs 53 inches</b>	Lap Only <b>48 lbs 40 inches</b>	Lap Only <b>70 lbs 56 inches</b>
		Lap/Shoulder <b>65 lbs 53 inches</b>

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### Best Practice for Safe Transportation of Children in Emergency Ground Ambulances

In September, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Occupant Protection Division and Office of Emergency Medical Services released best-practice recommendations to ensure that America's children are safely transported in emergency ground ambulances. The new guidelines provide national, state and local emergency medical services organizations with clear guidance on best practices for properly restraining children traveling by ambulance from the scene of a traffic crash or medical emergency to a hospital or medical facility. [Read the Report](#)

# 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:nancy@saferidenews.com) for Proof of Purchase

1 CEU— Take the LATCH Manual Quiz. Go to [saferidenews.com](http://saferidenews.com) to learn more

1 CEU—Take the CR Manufacturer's Quiz. Go to [carseat.org](http://carseat.org) to learn more

1 CEUs—Reading the Tech Update and taking quizzes at [www.cpsboard.org](http://www.cpsboard.org)

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

4 CEUs— Three presentations and Quizzes on [www.cpsboard.org](http://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](mailto:Stephanie.heitsch@crmcwy.org).

### **Informative Websites:**

- [Safekidswyoming.org](http://Safekidswyoming.org)  
**Safe Kids Wyoming**
- [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)  
National Hwy Traffic Safety Administration
- [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org)  
Safe Kids Worldwide
- [www.carseat.org](http://www.carseat.org)  
SafetyBeltSafe USA
- [www.cpsboard.org](http://www.cpsboard.org)  
National Child Passenger Safety Board
- [www.dot.state.wy.us](http://www.dot.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.

## WYDOT Highway Safety Sub Grantee Success Story



A new feature in the Highway Safety newsletter focuses on the noteworthy achievements of a sub grantees. This quarter focused on the work of the Buckle Up Kids Program as well as the program was highlighted as the FY 2012 “Noteworthy Project” in the Highway Safety Office’s Annual Report. That Report was submitted to the National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Region 8 Office earlier this month.

This program, in partnership with Safe Kids USA, WYDOT’s Highway Safety Office, the Wyoming Department of Health, Safe Kids Wyoming and the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center Foundation is a comprehensive statewide initiative. It works with local communities to train and certify volunteer personnel to provide child safety seat checks in their communities.

The Buckle Up Kids program has seen tremendous growth since its first Highway Safety Office grant in 1999. Over time both the number of trained technicians and instructors has increased. At present, there are 213 certified child passenger safety (CPS) technicians and 13 instructors in Wyoming. This is the most certified technicians in Wyoming in the history of the program.

The CPS training through the Buckle Up Kids grant raises awareness for parents/caregivers of the importance of proper occupant restraint usage for all those riding with children, including teens and adults.

[Safe Kids USA generates annually a re-certification of CPS technicians report. In its August 2012 report, Safe Kids USA highlighted Wyoming as ranking second in the nation with a 76.9% recertification rate.](#)

In March 2012, the Trauma Program of Cheyenne Regional Medical Center underwent the American College of Surgeon’s Review. The CRMC Injury Prevention program was highlighted as one of the strengths of the Trauma Program. One of the programs managed by CRMC Injury Prevention is Buckle Up Kids. The reviewers rated the CRMC Injury Prevention Program as one of the most polished Injury Prevention programs in the nation.

The Buckle Up Kids Program also publishes a quarterly newsletter entitled “Buckle Up Express.” The newsletter is sent to all of Wyoming’s CPS technicians and advocates keeping them current with child passenger safety issues and updates.

In September 2012 the Buckle Up Kids Program worked with Safe Kids coalitions and other partners to highlight Child Passenger Safety Week. The Buckle Up Kids Program assisted communities in holding Boost Til 9 events throughout Wyoming. Twelve locations participated in the events. The Buckle Up Kids Program also assists hospitals throughout Wyoming with special needs child restraints for children.

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### Seat Belt Use at Record High

According to NHTSA's annual National Occupant Protection Use Survey, seat belt use has steadily increased since 1994, with the record high of 86 percent in 2012 representing a two percent increase over the previous year.

Among the most dramatic increases in seat belt use were in the southern region of the country, rising to 85 percent in 2012 — up from 80 percent in 2011. Seat belt use continues to be higher in states that have primary belt laws, which permit law enforcement officers to issue citations to motorists solely for not using a seat belt rather than requiring additional traffic violations.

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## Child Passenger Safety Class/ January / Casper



Congratulations to the sixteen individuals from across the state that attended and successfully passed the CPS class in Casper in January. The class was held at the City Center Building in Casper as part of the Casper Fire Department and concluded with a check-up event for the students to use their new skills. Students came from different areas of Wyoming, including five troopers from Wyoming Highway Patrol. The CPS classes would not be possible without partnership like the use of the facility for the class as well as the use of vehicles from White's Mountain Vehicle Dealership in Casper. Thanks you to all for making the class possible.



*Congratulations to the entire class and welcome to the Wyoming Child Passenger Safety Team!*

