

Buckle Up Express

FEATURING WYOMING'S CPS TEAM



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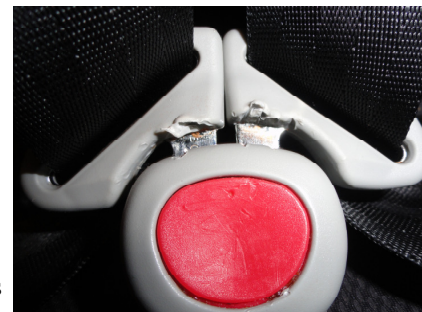
AAP Offers CPS Training Module for MDs

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has released a one-hour CPS training module for practicing pediatric healthcare professionals. Ben Hoffman, MD, FAAP, narrates this overview of the fundamentals of CPS techniques, best-practice guidelines, and patient-interviewing tools. The AAP was motivated to provide this training because pediatricians are trusted advisors who have access to families at many points in the first few years of a child's life. The training urges doctors to collaborate and build partnerships with CPST's in their community. The course is available free of charge by going to [http://](http://www.2.aap.org/sections/ipp/CPSCurriculum.cfm)

www.2.aap.org/sections/ipp/CPSCurriculum.cfm. For doctors to receive Continuing Medical Education credit for watching the training, they must pay a small fee (\$25 for AAP member and \$30 for nonmembers) to complete the quiz.

Thank you to Graco

A mother called the Inspection Station in Cheyenne very concerned that the buckle on her Graco car seat (model number 17805716 JJ, name Artgos 70, Manufactured 04/19/2012) would not open, even with great force. This happened after she had her daughter in the seat. They had to pry the pieces out so they could remove her child. After sending an email to Carol Helminski with Graco explaining the situation, a new crotch buckle with strap and tongues were sent to the station to be changed out so the car seat is able to be used.



Thank you to Graco and never assume you should disregard the entire seat before calling the manufacturer!

Upcoming Child Passenger Safety Technician Trainings

Certification Course: Casper / January 7-10, 2014 / Registration Form is Attached

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

Casper / January 6, 2014 / City Center Building

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

Casper / January 6, 2014 / 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.

Upcoming Webinars for CEU Credit

Safe Kids and State Farm present: CR Manufacturer Update: Nuna

October 30, 2013 from 2 pm - 3 pm ET (East Coast/NY time)

CPS CEUs available: 1 (CHES/MCHES credit is also available)

Fees/Requirements: \$0, Pre-registration is required.

Register now: <http://bit.ly/Oct30CPS>

Safe Kids and State Farm present: Conventional Restraints vs. Specialized Restraints: What's the best option for children for children with special health care needs?

Nov. 20, 2013 from 2 pm - 3 pm ET (East Coast/NY time)

CPS CEUs available: 1 (CHES/MCHES credit is also available)

Fees/Requirements: \$0, Pre-registration is required.

Register now: <http://bit.ly/Nov20CPS>

Baby Trend® Announces All Car Seats Safe to Use in Vehicle with Handle Up

Baby Trend®, a leading juvenile product manufacturer, has announced that all **Baby Trend** infant car seats are approved for use in the back seat of a vehicle with the handle up.

Due to consumer feedback, Baby Trend has changed its policy. Crash testing of all Baby Trend infant car seats confirms that the seats meet safety standards with the handle up. In today's smaller vehicles, a Baby Trend car seat like the **Inertia Infant Car Seat** with the handle up takes up the least space and is at its narrowest.

Previous policies insisted the handle be left in a rearward position to discourage parents from hanging toys or other items from the handle. In a vehicle crash, those types of items can potentially cause injury to the child.

Although Baby Trend now allows the **car seat handles** to be up in a vehicle, Baby Trend still recommends reading the owner's manual prior to use and keeping the handle back, if space allows, when the car seat is in the vehicle.

"Creating quality products, testing for safety and listening to the needs of our community are three of our greatest priorities," said Bradley Mattarocci, General Manager of Baby Trend. "We value the feedback of our community and decided to test all Baby Trend car seats with the handle up. Today we can confirm that Baby Trend car seats are approved to use with the handle up in vehicles."

For more information about car seat safety and Baby Trend products, please visit <http://www.babytrend.com>.

Los Angeles, CA (PRWEB) October 01, 2013

Ford Expands Availability of Rear Inflatable Safety Belt to 2014 Fusion

The 2014 Ford Fusion becomes the only vehicle in its class to offer rear inflatable safety belts, which combine the attributes of safety belts and airbags. Rear inflatable safety belts provide additional protection for rear-seat passengers, who often are children or older adults, who are more vulnerable to head, neck and chest injuries. Ford introduced the industry's first inflatable safety belts on the 2011 Ford Explorer; it is now available on six Ford and Lincoln models: Ford Explorer, Fusion, Flex, Taurus and Lincoln MKT and Lincoln MKZ. The new 2014 Ford Fusion is the only car in the popular midsize segment to offer rear inflatable safety belts, adding to the sedan's suite of available safety and driver-assist technologies. This option is also available in the Fusion Hybrid and Fusion Energi.

Operation Kids: Next Generation

Operation Kids: Next Generation - Child Passenger Safety Basic Awareness Course

As an update, this course is available for download on the National Child Passenger Safety Board website at: <http://cpsboard.org/tech-instructor-curriculum/operation-kids/>. This course was developed for community outreach by CPS Technicians to increase awareness about the importance of child passenger safety for those that have not yet become CPS Technicians.

There are a few things to know about this course. Op Kids can be taught by certified CPS *Technicians*. It is important to review all course materials before scheduling a class because course materials can be tailored to meet the needs of your target audience. By this we mean that information repeated in the sections for Health Care and Law Enforcement might not need to be repeated if you only have Health Care Professionals in your class, or likewise, if you only have Law Enforcement professionals in your class. This is helpful to know as you prepare your course agenda. Actual content of the course should not be altered in any way as it has been reviewed and approved by NHTSA. Furthermore, if there is a certified CPST Instructor involved you are allowed to utilize videos from the CPST certification course to further support the content you are teaching.



KidsEmbrace **Batman**
Child Restraint

Child Restraint Updates

KidsEmbrace has come up with a new theme to engage children in the car seat selection and use process. The Batman car seat is a combination seat used forward facing from 22-65 pounds and in highback booster mode from 30-100 pounds. The Batman seat has a higher harness-use weight than earlier models. It has deep side wings, the option to recline, and an adjustable crotch strap. It also has a three position headrest lined with high density foam and is tested for side-impact protection. Certainly the most obvious and attractive feature is

the detail of the Batman character. The **Batman** child restraint has an extra special feature; a cape can be wrapped around the child after he or she is buckled in.



Merritt's **Buckle Guard** front of the Buckle Guard allows insertion of an included plastic tool in order to press directly on the buckle button. Because the Buckle Guard shield can be used to pull the buckle forward, the caregiver's hands can be kept away from the child's crotch area, especially for non parental caregivers. The current design can be used only on the IMMI buckle that is found on many CRs; models for other buckle designs will be available soon.

Merritt Manufacturing has adapted two of its Roosevelt CR's special needs accessories to make them available for use with other, non-Merritt CRs. Both crash tested products are aimed at providing a solution for caregivers who transport relentless escape artists. The **Buckle Guard**, which fits over the top of a CR buckle, has a simple design that shields the buckle button from the occupant's reach, while still allowing easy access from a caregiver's angle of approach. As an alternative release option for caregivers with dexterity issues, a small hole at the

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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 89% **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 7, 8, 9, 10, 2014

Application deadline: Dec. 18, 2013

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
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Limited Space!**

Supporting Agencies



Buckle Up Kids
Federal 402 Highway Safety Grant

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 7-9, 2014

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

Friday, Jan 10, 2014

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, 2013. 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, 2013 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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WYDOT Highway Safety Program/Cheyenne

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Cheyenne Fire and Rescue/Cheyenne

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 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 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, 2013.

Return this application section before December 18th, 2013, with the \$150.00 registration fee. Make checks payable to:
Cheyenne Regional Medical Center
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