

Buckle Up Express

FEATURING WYOMING'S CPS TEAM



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WYDOT Highway Safety Program and Cheyenne Regional Medical Center Injury Prevention

January Child Passenger Safety Class



Congratulations to the **twenty** 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/Casper Fire Department and concluded with a check-up event for the students to use their new skills. Students came from Riverton, Rock Springs, Cheyenne, Jackson, Rawlins, Sheridan, Lusk, Newcastle, Laramie and Casper. Robert Henry from the WYDOT Highway Patrol attended the class as an instructor candidate and is now added to the Wyoming instructor team.

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

Britax Offers New CEU Session

Britax Advocate Extranet. The new CEU unit covers our NEW technology CLICKTIGHT and the two products it is included in - the Frontier 90 and Pinnacle 90 Harness-2-Booster seats. To access the Britax Advocate Extranet log in to your certification profile at www.cert.safekids.org <<http://www.cert.safekids.org>. Once logged in, scroll down under your Action List and select Online CEUs that will be an indented option under your current certification cycle date and then select option 3, Britax Tech site.



Upcoming Child Passenger Safety Technician Trainings

Certification Course: Rawlins / June 3-6, 2014 / Registration Attached

Renewal Course: *(If expired and would like to be renewed in an 8 hour course)*
Fire Station #2, Rawlins / June 2, 2014

Update Course: *(If currently certified and need to receive your 6 CEUs and seats checked off)*
Fire Station #2, Rawlins / June 2, 2014

(email: Stephanie.heitsch@crmcwy.org for registration of the Renewal or 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 Curriculum for 2014

Thank you for your enthusiasm with the new curriculum! The overall goals for the National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Program are to:

- Provide CPS Technicians with the technical skills and knowledge to correctly use and install car seats, booster seats and seat belts.
- Equip Technicians to educate caregivers on how to properly select, use and install car seats and boosters, and to know when to transition children to seat belts once booster seats are outgrown.
- Certify Technicians as valuable resources in communities throughout the country. Tens of thousands of individuals have been certified as CPS Technicians and Technician Instructors since the certification program began in 1998. CPS Technicians put their knowledge and hard work to use teaching parents and caregivers how to properly protect their children in motor vehicles and provide “hands-on” assistance to properly use and install child restraints and seat belts.

The first class taught with the new 2014 curriculum will be in Rawlins from June 3-6, 2014!

Fact or Fiction: Vehicle integrated car seats have expiration dates

FICTION:

Integrated car seats usually do not have an expiration date because they (integrated child restraints) are designed to be used for the life of the vehicle. If an integrated child seat is occupied during a crash, it may need to be replaced. If a harness is frayed or damaged in some way, it should be replaced. Contact the vehicle manufacturer for more information. Like any safety product, integrated child restraints can be recalled. Check the recall list under the vehicle manufacturer's listing.



You may read more about integrated car seats at Seat Check Smarts: Tips for Integrated Child Seats from the Tech Update, Spring 2013

Submitted by Kim Herrmann, Safe Kids Worldwide (Ft. Myers, FL)

Country of Origin – Where Car Seats Are Made



Are you looking for a carseat made in the USA? Perhaps you are a purchaser for an agency, program or grant that requires procurement from the USA or North America? Or maybe you're just curious about where carseats on the market today are being made, perhaps due to economic, quality or safety concerns? I decided to make a

list because I was curious too. The seats are organized alphabetically by manufacturer within each category (infant seat, convertible, combination & booster).

<http://carseatblog.com/25477/country-of-origin-where-carseats-are-made/>

Kecia Healy Mom & CPST-I CarseatBlog.com

New regulations sought for child car seats



Safe Kids Worldwide Car Seat Technician Kerry Chausmer helps mom Danielle Fountaine with Gabrielle Fountaine's car seat

WASHINGTON — Child car seats would for the first time have to protect children from death and injury in side-impact crashes under regulations the government is proposing, The Associated Press has learned. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration seeks to upgrade standards for child seats for children weighing up to 40 pounds to include a new test that simulates a side crash. The agency estimates the standards will prevent the deaths of about five children and injuries to 64 others each year. NHTSA Acting Administrator David Friedman is scheduled to announce the proposal Wednesday. Under the proposal, the new tests will simulate a “T-bone”

crash, where the front of a vehicle traveling 30 mph strikes the side of a small passenger vehicle traveling at 15 mph. The tests will position the car seat on a sled, with another sled ramming the side of the sled with the seat, rather than using actual vehicles since the aim isn't to test the crash worthiness of specific vehicles, NHTSA officials said. Research shows that most child deaths and injuries in side-impact crashes involve a car carrying children that is stopped at an intersection, usually at a light or stop sign, officials said. When the car begins to accelerate to go through the intersection, it is struck in the side by a vehicle traveling at a higher rate of speed on the cross street. The side-impact test — the first of its kind — simulates both the acceleration of the struck vehicle and the vehicle's door crushing inward toward the car seat. Besides using a 12-month-old child dummy already approved under NHTSA standards, the proposed test will also utilize a to-be-developed side-impact dummy representing a 3-year-old child. “As a father of two, I know the peace of mind this proposed test will give parents,” Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said in a statement. The test “will give parents and car seat makers important new data on how car seats perform in side crashes.” Friedman called car seats “an essential tool for keeping young children safe in vehicles and have a proven track record of saving lives.” Safety advocates have long sought tougher standards for car seats to protect against side-impact crashes. “I think this is terrific,” said Joan Claybrook, who was the NHTSA administrator during the Carter administration and later president of Public Citizen. She noted that today's passenger vehicles have eight air bags, in part to protect adults from side-impact crashes. “We have an absolute moral obligation to protect children as well,” she said. NHTSA's estimates of the number of lives that will be saved and injuries prevented by the proposed standards are “very, very conservative,” Claybrook said. The public will have 90 days to comment on the proposed regulations after they are published this week. The regulations won't be made final until after the agency has reviewed the comments and answered any important issues that may be raised. That typically takes months and sometimes years, although NHTSA officials said they hope to move quickly. The proposal includes giving car seat manufacturers three years to make any adjustments to meet the new requirements. That window doesn't begin until the regulations are made final.

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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

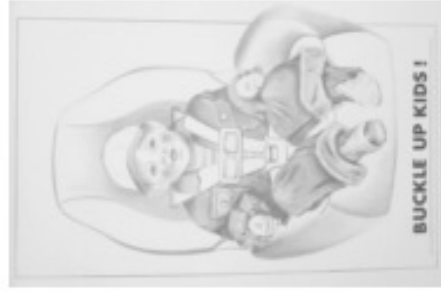
- **Maintain CPS Training Certification through Safe Kids Worldwide by recertifying biannually** through education and CEU's.
- Participate in at least three (3) Check Up events per year.
- Conduct presentations in your community on Child Passenger Safety.

NHTSA Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician Training

June 3, 4, 5, 6 2014

Application deadline: April 24, 2014

Fire Station #2
501 E. State Street
Rawlins, WY 82301



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**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, June 3-5, 2014

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

Friday, June 6, 2014

**8:00 am-3:00 pm Class & Check-Up Event
(12:00-3:00) (Station #2/Rawlins)
(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 April 24, 2014. 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 May 6th. Cancellations received by April 24th, 2014 will be refunded \$75.00 of the registration fee. Substitution requests will be included in additional information.

The registration fee of \$160.00 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 June 2, 3, 4, 5
Lodging will be booked and paid for each attendee through a Federal 402 Highway Safety Grant. You will receive full hotel details by May 6th.

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Rawlins, WY 82301**

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 April 24th, 2014.

Return this application section before April 24th, 2014, with the \$160.00 registration fee.
Make checks payable to:

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