

Buckle Up Express

FEATURING WYOMING'S CPS TEAM



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Congratulations to the **eleven** individuals from across the state that attended and successfully passed the CPS class in Casper in May. The class was held at the West Park Hospital in Cody, WY and concluded with a check-up event for the students to use their new skills. Students came from Cody, Rock Springs, Jackson, Powell, Douglas and Worland. Thank you to West Park Hospital for hosting the class.

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

Re-certification is Important

Two years goes by quickly, and recertification cannot be completed in just one day. Safe Kids strongly recommends updating your online profile each time you conduct a seat check, attend a community event, and as you complete CEUs. You can fulfill all the recertification requirements, including payment, up to four months prior to the date your certification expires. Don't worry. You won't lose any time. Your certification dates stay the same, regardless of when you complete the requirements for recertification.

Recertification Reminders

To remind you that it is time to complete your recertification, [Safe Kids](#) will send you:

- A personalized **letter** approximately eight weeks before your current certification expiration date, and
- Three personalized **e-mails** sent eight, four and two weeks before your current certification expiration date. **The letter and e-mails will be sent to the official contact information in your CPS online profile, so it is essential to keep your profile information up-to-date.**

The Wyoming Child Passenger Safety Program will also send you regular updates concerning your certification and expiration date.



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.

CEU Opportunities

- **Safe Kids and State Farm present: Car Seat Manufacturer Update: Evenflo**
Thu, July 16, 2015, 2 PM - 3 PM ET (East Coast/NY time)
CPS CEUs available: 1 (CHES/MCHES credit is also available)
[Register now](#)
- **Car Seat Manufacturer Update: Hauck and Safe Traffic System**
Thu, September 17, 2015- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT
[Register now](#)
- <http://extensiononline.tamu.edu/courses/volunteers.php> - Six online Tech Updates are available below. After watching each video, users must pass the test for each course with 80% in order to print a certificate of completion. Courses are worth 1 or 2 CEUs. Users may log in and out to complete the modules.

Child Passenger Safety Tech Update 2015, Part 1

Part 1 MythBusters This course provides information for certified child passenger safety technicians who wish to stay current in their technical knowledge. The course, presented in video format, features instructor Bev Kellner. This course is approved for 1 CEU towards the required 6 CEUS for re-certification.

Credit Hours: 1 hr Course Price: Free Certificate Fee : Free

Child Passenger Safety Tech Update 2015, Part 2

Part 2 New and Overlooked Child Restraint and Vehicle Features This course provides information for certified child passenger safety technicians who wish to stay current in their technical knowledge. The course, presented in video format, features instructor Joe Colella. This course is approved for 1 CEU towards the required 6 CEUS for re-certification.

Credit Hours: 1 hr Course Price: Free Certificate Fee : Free

Child Passenger Safety Tech Update 2015, Part 3

Part 3 Crash Dynamics: The possible deadly consequences of misuse during a crash This course provides information for certified child passenger safety technicians who wish to stay current in their technical knowledge. The course, presented in video format, features instructor Joe Colella. This course is approved for 1 CEU towards the required 6 CEUS for re-certification.

Credit Hours: 1 hr Course Price: Free Certificate Fee : Free

Child Passenger Safety Tech Update 2015, Part 4

Part 4 Revised regulations and further anticipated changes FMVSS 213 updates for 2014 and 2015 FMVSS 213 This course provides information for certified child passenger safety technicians who wish to stay current in their technical knowledge. The course, presented in video format, features instructor Joe Colella. This course is approved for 1 CEU towards the required 6 CEUS for re-certification.

Credit Hours: 1 hr Course Price: Free Certificate Fee : Free

Child Passenger Safety Tech Update 2015, Part 5

Part 5 LATCH Manual 101 This course provides information for certified child passenger safety technicians who wish to stay current in their technical knowledge. The course, presented in video format, features instructor Joe Colella. This course is approved for 1 CEU towards the required 6 CEUS for re-certification.

Credit Hours: 1 hr Course Price: Free Certificate Fee : Free

Child Passenger Safety Tech Update 2015, Part 6

Part 6 What's New in Car Seats This course provides information for certified child passenger safety technicians who wish to stay current in their technical knowledge. The course, presented in video format, features instructor Bev Kellner. This course is approved for 1 CEU towards the required 6 CEUS for re-certification.

Credit Hours: 1 hr Course Price: Free Certificate Fee : Free

New Videos on Event Liability Now Available



A series of eight short video clips posted on the CPS Board [YouTube channel](#) are available for you to use when talking about liability to CPS technicians, instructors, volunteers and others who assist in community events. The presenters, David Strickland, former NHTSA Administrator and Alan Korn, Executive Director of Abbey's Hope are both attorneys. The frank discussion between them is designed to help educators plan and execute a safe, informative and positive event in a community. The longest video is about 6 minutes and you can pick and choose clips that fit the audience you are addressing.

Australian Study: Seat Belt Syndrome

The referenced Australian study proves that seat belt readiness is not predicted by an age (8-years-old). It is also not predicted by an arbitrary height (4'9") or an arbitrary weight (80 pounds). The height and weight attributes came from a small study in 1994, and they have been misapplied as seat belt readiness indicators since the late 1990s. The ONLY indicator is the FIT of a specific child in a specific vehicle seating position.

<http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/national/the-wrong-seat-belt-can-hurt-your-child-20150507-ggw9om.html>

NEW IIHS STUDY ON LATCH IN VEHICLES

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety has taken their study of LATCH to the next level. First, they looked at LATCH anchor locations in vehicles and how they impact correct installation by parents. In another study, the findings were matched against real world car seat checklist forms. Now they have rated the LATCH systems in current vehicles.

<http://www.iihs.org/iihs/news/desktopnews/iihs-launches-ease-of-use-ratings-of-latch-hardware-in-vehicles>

Joseph M. Colella / Traffic Safety Projects

Car Seats and Technicians Do Make A Difference

Chad Reid, a paramedic and technician at Campbell County Memorial Hospital went above and beyond helping a family in April. Chad shared the event with us and is a great reminder of why we all do what we do as Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Thank you Chad and to all of you for helping families and children in Wyoming be safe!



Good morning,

We had a Motor Vehicle Crash on Highway 59 last night, about mm 85. The incident involved a 3wk old infant. Properly restrained and came out of the incident without injuries. (I LOVE CAR SEATS!!) Anyway I stopped down at the base and did not find an infant seat. So I went to Wal-Mart and purchased a seat. The customer service manager gave me a 15% discount on the seat, and the child was again properly restrained when leaving the hospital. I gave them the Safe Kids number to make an appointment to have it checked when they get the new vehicle. I took the old infant seat down to the base so it could be destroyed.