

# CPS Express FAQs and Fact or Fictions

## 2010 ARCHIVE

### January 2010

- Featured FAQ: Isn't the function/responsibility of being a senior checker, technician-proxy, or instructor signing off for car seat installations all the same?

### February 2010

- Featured FAQs
  - How can I change my name in online profile?
  - Is there an advantage of providing a pre-approved CEU?
- Fact or Fiction: NHTSA has used crash test dummies since the early 1950s as a means of analyzing and reducing the effects of motor vehicle crashes on the human body.

### March 2010

- Featured FAQ:
  - My certification has expired. Can I still check car seats?
  - I am a CPSTI. Do I have to do seat check sign offs?
- Fact or Fiction: Can 3 car seats that touch each other be installed side by side on the rear seat of a vehicle?

### April 2010

- Featured FAQ: What do I agree to when I am a tech? Do "renew" every time I recertify?
- Fact or Fiction
  - A pool noodle or tightly rolled towel is not required to achieve the appropriate angle when tethering rear-facing, you can just use the tether to achieve the angle.
  - It is not possible to tighten a tether strap too much.
  - Sensors for advanced air bags (AAB) for the front passenger seat may be affected by weight or pressure on the back of the passenger front seat from a RF child restraint system or a FF child pushing his/her feet against the back of the seat.

### May 2010

- Featured FAQ: An interested co-worker is curious and wants to audit a certification course. Can she just sit in or does everyone who attends the course have to be on the roster?
- Fact or Fiction
  - Child restraints bought online still rely on the registration cards being sent in to manufacturer.
  - When a manufacturer comes out with a new model, can we assume the older version is retroactively approved?

## June 2010

- Featured FAQ – none
- Fact or Fiction
  - The percentage of strength requirement for webbing in a child restraint is to ensure safe performance.
  - Caregivers should not use the LATCH system on a belt positioning booster

## July 2010

- Featured FAQ – none
- Fact or Fiction
  - A CR recall indicates a danger or potential danger for the child occupant and should be removed from service and replaced with another seat.
  - When a convertible offers the Swedish method of rear face tethering, the tether can be attached to a fixed (non-moveable) piece at ANY angle.

## August 2010

- Featured FAQ – none
- Fact or Fiction: Most vehicle instructions state that if no interference exists between the lower anchors and seat belt, buckle the lap/shoulder seat belt behind a LATCH installed CR.

## September 2010

- Featured FAQ: none
- Fact or Fiction: Most vehicle instructions state that if no interference exists between the lower anchors and seat belt, buckle the lap/shoulder seat belt behind a LATCH installed CR.

## October 2010

- Featured FAQ: How can I change my password or username?
- Fact or Fiction: Free installation tether anchor retrofit programs are provided by vehicle manufacturers

## November 2010

- Featured FAQ: How can I see if I am a senior checker?
- Fact or Fiction: Many child seats have built-in lock-offs today and all manufacturers instruct you to use them the same.

## December 2010

- Featured FAQ: Who do I contact for help?
- Fact or Fiction: Once a tech's recertification requirements have been entered online, they have up to 30 days to send in their fee.