



## Why become a nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST)?

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**You can join thousands of other technicians, who save lives by ensuring car seats are used and installed correctly.**

Have you heard about Child Passenger Safety Technicians? Have you heard how they give parents and caregivers one-on-one instruction on how to properly use and install a car seat? Have you heard that this work makes all the difference during a crash and saves lives?

Consider this: When 3-year-old Micah, from Hall County in Gainesville, Georgia, was just 6 days old, his mother, Emerald, had a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician check to make sure the car seat was being used correctly. It wasn't. Fortunately, the technician worked with Emerald to get it right. Minutes after driving away from the car seat inspection, another car pulled in front of Emerald. Her car went off the road, into the woods and didn't stop until she hit a tree. The car was totaled. Micah was completely fine.

**That's what being a CPST is all about.**

And we'll make it easy and fun for you. The extensive certification course, generally held over three to four days, is quick paced and interactive. It's taught through a combination of hands-on activities, lectures and discussion with a wide variety of child restraint and vehicle belt systems. Be ready to dive right in and learn.

There is a high level of professionalism associated with certification and acknowledgement of expertise. The specialized problem solving and emphasis on community education during the course serves a community well.

The question about liability is frequently asked. Provided a CPST practices within the scope of their certification and uses a well-designed checklist with appropriate documentation, the exposure to liability is almost nonexistent. As far as we know, through well over a million seats checks, there have been no successful lawsuits. Additionally, some states provide statutory immunity, in certain circumstances, to a CPST when installing, adjusting or educating about child safety seats.

**Join the team of more than 37,000 nationally certified CPS technicians and be a leader and resource in your community!**

Courses are offered across the country by Certified Instructors. The national course fee is \$85. To read more about becoming a CPST and see what courses are available in your neighborhood, go to <http://cert.safekids.org>.



## Why are we CPS technicians?

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*"I am a CPS Tech because every day I can make a difference in helping save the life of a child and the other occupants in the vehicle..."*

*I went to the CPST class kicking and screaming because it was a 5 day course. I am so glad I persevered."*

-J. Baker

*"It was a recent forced job requirement....that turned into one of the best things that I've ever done! It is now my passion and love every minute of this responsibility I am taking and providing to the community!!!*

*Possibilities are endless!!!!*

- C. Jenewein

*"I am a CPST because I am a Public Health Nurse. While I am TEACHING families to keep their kids safe, I am ASSESSING other psychosocial needs and REFERRING to other services. Promote, Prevent, Protect. This is Public Health! And because I am a mom of 4 kids who feels that all kids deserve a chance to be safe.*

- C. Cherry

*"When the car is driving away with a child safely and correctly secured makes me feel that there is hope for preventing injuries, one child at a time."*

- S. Chambers

*"Nothing has been more rewarding than making a difference!*

-D. Bland

*"If I save just one life, I've done my job while here on earth! Children can't protect themselves. We have to take care of their future."*

- A. Pinkerton

*"To save a life. Once you receive a call from a client crying, from the crash scene, thanking you for helping her make her children safe because they were just hit head on by a semi and the children walked away, you will understand why I do what I do."*

- H. Harper-Berard

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