
CPS Express

E-News for Child Passenger Safety Professionals



TOP NEWS

ALERT: Stop Spinning

If you are in your CPS online profile and the page won't load (spinning circle), it is probably because you are using Internet Explorer for the browser. Internet Explorer is not compatible with some web pages because it is no longer supported/updated.

The solution is to use a different browser such as Chrome, Safari, Firefox or Edge.

Safe Kids Worldwide Team Cert is Here to Help!

The Safe Kids team is available to help you with recertification, course management, CEU audits and any other certification-related issues.

- Technical content and questions, understanding Certification policies and procedures, contact Cass Herring at certadvisor@safekids.org
 - Recertification, managing a course, or paying a fee (roster issues), contact Wardell Bonner at cpscert@safekids.org, or 202-875-6330
 - Pre-approvals for CEUs, technician proxy applications, instructor candidacy applications, Nursing Continuing Education credits, contact Stephanie Heitsch at sheitsch@safekids.org
 - General certification questions or feedback, contact Shushanna Mignott at smignott@safekids.org
 - Audit questions, contact Debbie Landoskey at cpsaudit@safekids.org
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Review Day Before a Renewal Testing Course....Yes Please!

The Renewal Testing Course was developed for technicians with expired certifications. The day is strictly for testing technical information with a written quiz, completing 4 skills tests and participating in a checkup event.

This is NOT an update/refresher class. This course is meant for expired CPS Technicians who have maintained their child passenger safety knowledge and their hands-on skills. It is expected that students attempting to renew their certifications through a Renewal Testing Course have stayed involved in CPS programs and activities, kept up with changes in the field by reading technical updates, attended other CPS classes, and worked with non-expired technicians to keep their installation skills current. There is no technical review with this course. It is 100% testing: Written and skills. Like the Certification course. A written passing score is 84% and all 4 skills assessments must be passed. It is recommended that anyone considering this course, act as a scribe at a checkup event and attend a technical update. A technical self-test is also available at CPS Self-test . National Child Passenger Safety Policies and Procedures Manual.

Child passenger safety technicians often wear many hats in their workday and may have originally been certified in a previous curriculum. They may not be technically well prepared or confident in their skills to successfully complete the testing course but have a desire to get back into the field. The renewal testing course can get them back in the field and serving their community.

Here is an example of how one instructor team provided a review day the day before the renewal testing day in support of returning techs to the field. The steps for a successful renewal testing course that were taken are as follows. The welcome letter to the technician candidates provided links to the current curriculum and Job Aides for Techs which provide a number of very useful videos to assist technicians and helpful to those returning to the field. Candidates were asked to complete the self-test and vehicle form and bring to the review day. This provided an opportunity to navigate the curriculum, their vehicle and manual in preparation for the Renewal Testing Course. The review day morning was set up to discuss the self-test questions, module progress questions, tech tips, and videos to answer any questions or concerns. Time was also provided for students to work with a variety of car seats to practice selection, harnessing and installations in vehicles. This gave them practice too in identifying seat belt systems, air bags, and LATCH systems.

This combination of hands-on and clarifying new terminology and reinforcing basic concepts through navigating the manual provided students the opportunity to feel confident going into the test day.

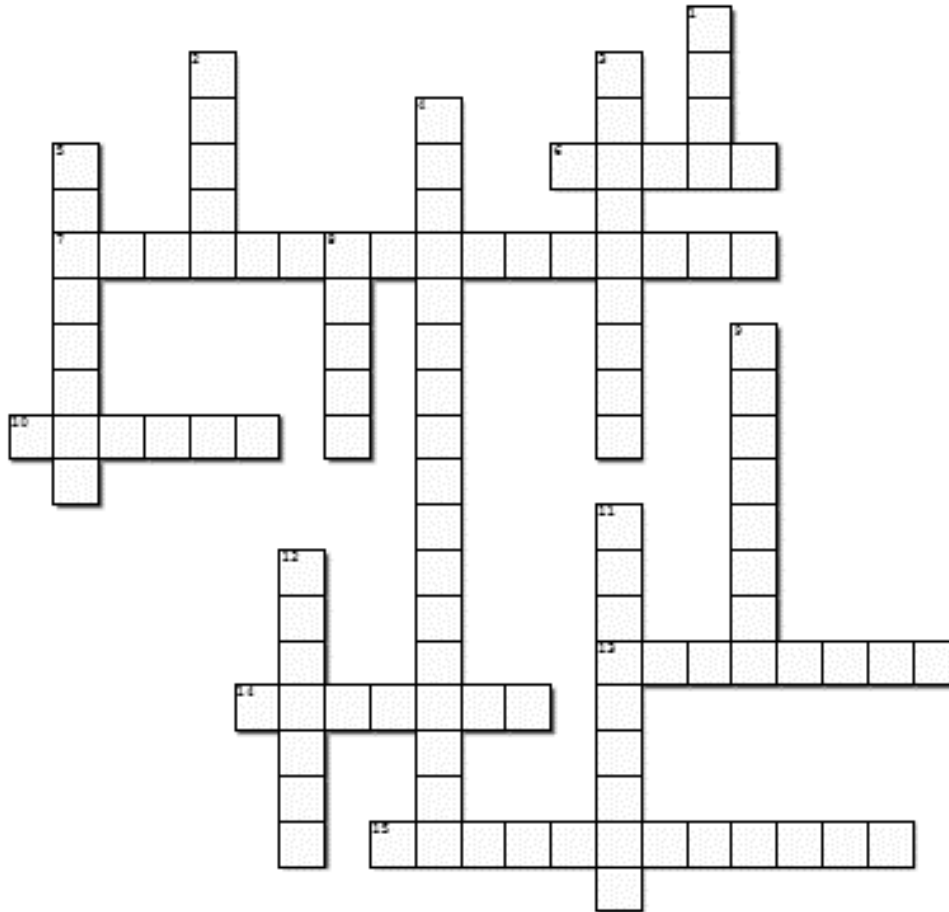
It was important to the teaching team that every effort was made to provide information and resources to keep them engaged and supported in the field to meet the requirements for recertification. Updated resources were provided such as the community resources tool, which includes how to recertify on the Safe Kids Certification website, local resources such as the Safe Kids coordinator, and special needs tech contact information. The Personal Recertification Logsheet , Tips on How to Get CEUs for Recertification were also provided. As part of the continued support, they were added to the local list serve about upcoming checkup events and tech updates.

At the end of the renewal testing day during the recap, students stated that they felt the review day was organized and got their mind set on the right track to pass the testing requirements and get back into the community to assist families.

Submitted by Juliana Whittaker, Golisano Children's Hospital / Kim Herrmann, CPSTI Volunteer (Ft. Myers, FL)

Test Your CPS Knowledge (See answers at the end of the CPS Express)

Test your CPS knowledge by completing the crossword puzzle below



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

6. National Child Passenger Safety Board
7. Granted the ability to sign off on car seat installations for recertification
10. Mechanism that guides the tether in a pickup truck; indirect
13. Increases the stopping time to reduce the crash forces on the body
14. Support extended from the base of the car seat to the vehicle floor
15. Also known as a 'chest clip'

Down

1. Insurance Institute which conducts vehicle crash testing
2. An alternative to using a seatbelt for car seat installations
3. What a technician must do every 2 years
4. Non-Locking latch plate found in newer vehicles
5. Crash where the vehicle spins
8. When a vehicle strikes another vehicle or object
9. 12-to-18 in where an ALR does not lock
11. Using the inner lower anchors from the outboard seats
12. Motion in the opposite direction after initial impact

Child Passenger Safety Technician Month

Every day is a great day to celebrate technicians, but May also happens to be CPST Month. During CPST Month we want to thank all the Technicians and Instructors for the incredible work you do. It is fun to share a passion with friends and family so if you know someone who would be a great tech encourage them to look for a CPST course in their area. We are seeing an increase in events, and courses being held and want to encourage you all to work together to practice your hands on skills. There were many limitations for in-person education and seat checks during the pandemic but as we see more and more events happening with fewer restrictions now is a great time to participate in a seat check, organize a skills refresher or work in teams to ensure we are the best resources for our communities. There are still [Recertification Alternatives for COVID](#) but we know that practice makes us better technicians and educators. We are so very appreciative of your adaptation, ingenuity and resilience as technicians and want to take this time to celebrate you.

Submitted by Cass Herring, Safe Kids Worldwide, Oklahoma City, OK

CPS Technicians Wanted for Remote Work

Safe Kids worldwide is partnering with the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) and 7 Safe Kids coalitions on a large multi-center study evaluating whether remote CPS checks using a software called HelpLightning are as effective as in-person CPS checks in helping families install their car seats safely. UAB is looking to hire 2-3 certified CPS techs experienced enough to feel confident doing virtual (online) checks with families. Techs should have a reasonable number of free hours during the week and on weekends to support the study, particularly over the summer months when recruitment is busier. Access to an Android tablet or iPad and comfort with technology is required. CPS Techs able to conduct checks in Spanish as well as English are preferred. Pay is \$22/hour. CPS techs must be eligible for work in the United States and recognize the hiring process requires considerable paperwork with the UAB Human Resources department. No travel required; you will work from your own home or office. If you are interested, please contact Anna Johnston at ajohn@uab.edu.

Submitted by Morag MacKay, Director of Research, Safe Kids Worldwide (Washington, D.C.)

CONFERENCES AND OBSERVATIONS

ABC Kids Expo Juvenile Products Show

May 9-11, 2022

Las Vegas, Nevada

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KIDZ IN MOTION National Child Passenger Safety Conference

August 24-26, 2022

Omni Orlando Resort ~ ChampionsGate, FL

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Transporting Students with Disabilities & Special Needs Conference and Trade Show
RESCHEDULED DATE! November 8–12, 2022

Frisco, Texas

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2022 CPS Week

September 18–24, 2022

Seat Check Saturday—September 24, 2022

CEU AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION RESOURCES

NCPSTB Webinar Series

The Web We Weave: Shorter, Longer? Higher, Lower?

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET

1 CEU

[Register Now](#)

TITLE: Measuring and Communicating CPS Program Effectiveness

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET

Community Education

[Register Now](#)

Upcoming Safe Kids Webinars

Safe Kids is now using Zoom webinars. If you are not able to use Zoom or miss one, most webinars are recorded and posted on the CPS Board [website](#).

- Troubleshoot to avoid problems, run a [system check](#).
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Goodbaby International: Product Update, Spring 2022

Thursday, May 5, 2022

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET (1 CEU)

[Register Now](#)

Fact-Checking Backless Boosters and Side Airbags

Thursday, Aug 11, 2022

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET (1 CEU)

[Register Now](#)

More webinars coming soon! Updates posted on [Facebook](#).

FOR INSTRUCTORS

New Hybrid Certification Curriculum is Launching

The National Child Passenger Safety Board is excited to announce the launch of the hybrid offering of the *National Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training* on July 1.

The new delivery method was created to expand the reach and accessibility of the nationally-standardized certification training. While based on the in-person offering, the hybrid offering includes self-paced e-learning, virtual instructor-led trainings and in-person meeting components. The hybrid course offering is designed to fit the learning styles and schedules of anyone who would benefit from a flexible instruction setting. The in-person offering will continue to be available. An offering comparison handout is available at cpsboard.org/trainings.

To be eligible to teach the hybrid offering, Instructors must earn the Instructor hybrid endorsement by completing the Instructor Hybrid Endorsement Training, which includes the new e-learning modules of the hybrid curriculum, a Train-the-Trainer e-learning and an accompanying quiz. The Instructor Hybrid Endorsement Training will be available to all Instructors on May 9.

Starting in June, Members of the National Child Passenger Safety Board will launch a new webinar series, Ready, Set, Go Hybrid! During the webinars, Members will model virtual checkpoints included in the hybrid offering and answer questions that Instructors may have about the hybrid offering. Participation is optional.

While July 1 is the official start date for hybrid offerings, all certification courses, whether hybrid or in-person, must be registered at least four weeks prior to the start date of the course. All Instructors participating on the teaching team for a hybrid course must have the Instructor hybrid endorsement.

The National Child Passenger Safety Board thanks the 250 plus Instructors who contributed to the development of the hybrid curriculum, serving as video and image contributors, module reviewers, usability testers and Instructors for the pilot courses. We are overwhelmed by the community support of this project and look forward to seeing the results in action.

Visit cpsboard.org/hybrid for additional information or contact training@cpsboard.org with questions.

Submitted by Tammy Franks, National Child Passenger Safety Board

What is the Difference Between a Controlled or Public Certification Course?

CPS Certification and Renewal Courses are classified as either public or controlled.

Public courses are available to anyone on a first come, first serve basis. Seats cannot be held or reserved. The only way to guarantee a seat in the course is to pay the registration fee. As soon as the fee is processed, the student's name will appear on the class roster.

Controlled courses are open only to individuals approved by the lead instructor or course administrator. Everyone is allowed to request a seat in a controlled class, but they may not register until their request has been approved. Students requesting seats in a controlled course will receive an e-mail letting them know whether they were approved to register. If approved, students will complete their registration by paying the course fees. Students' names appear on the course roster as soon as payments are received and processed.

Listings of both public and controlled courses will be available through the FIND A COURSE search tool and all information open to the public. Registration for controlled courses will be pending Lead Instructor approval.

For additional information, got to: https://go.pardot.com/e/957122/istration-public-vs-controlled/3jzrw/77885213?h=XFofhtbLI0cmSwXKDemtIGFVGlisYzW81P_e_v10IX4

Submitted by Stephanie Heitsch, Certification Associate, Safe Kids Worldwide. (Port Orange, FL.)

Answers to Test Your CPS Knowledge

Answers:
Across 6. NCP SB 7. Technician proxy 10. Router 13. Ride down 14. Load leg 15. Retainer clip
Down 1. IHS 2. Latch 3. Recertify 4. Dynamic latch plate 5. Rotation 8. Crash 9. Deadzone
11. Borrowing 12. Rebound

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? CONCERNS?

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Ideas and Article Submissions

Advocates and manufacturers are welcome to submit articles, or suggestions for articles, to the CPS Express!

Send your ideas and submissions to CPScert@safekids.org.

All submissions may be edited for content and length.

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