
CPS Express

E-News for Child Passenger Safety Professionals



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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 cpscercert@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, cpsaudit@safekids.org

Online Community Education Course



Kids and Car Safety is offering a brand new interactive online learning course designed specifically for car seat technicians and instructors. The course educates car seat technicians and instructors about little-known dangers to children in and around cars that even seasoned safety professionals might not be aware of. The program will provide you with background on a wide variety of topics as well as practical tips you can share with families. You will also learn hands-on, visual safety demonstrations you can do in your community. This course can count towards your community education requirements for recertification.

<https://go.pardot.com/e/957122/course-/cs4h5/383973442?h=OaO0GemWsz0-tTHueQpm4O7ICBHcjiVcoLT-2CGIJ24>

Child Passenger Safety Learning Portal is Live

All current Child Passenger Safety Technicians, we are excited to announce that the Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and Community Education (CE) courses previously housed on cpsboard.org have been moved to a new platform! The Child Passenger Safety Learning Portal, accessed through carseateducation.org, is a dedicated location for CPSTs to take courses and manage their certificates of completion. The Child Passenger Safety Learning Portal allows users to select courses meeting their needs (CEU versus Community Education), take the course, and the system will store completion certificates for future use, all for free!

CPST CEU courses include a video and a quiz module. Users will need to complete the video module before access to the quiz module is granted. To receive the CEU credit, the user must pass the quiz with an 80% or better score. The system will allow the user two attempts for a passing score. If the user is unsuccessful, they can contact training@cpsboard.org and request the course be reset. Upon reset, the user will need to watch the video again to have two more quiz attempts. A certificate is issued after the user completes the quiz with a passing score.

To meet the CE requirement, CPSTs can take a one-hour (minimum) educational session(s) from the Child Passenger Safety Learning Portal. These courses educate CPSTs on how to better reach community members or underserved communities, improve communication skills, or learn about other cultures and their beliefs. CE modules, in the Learning Portal, will consist of a video module only. Once the user completes this module, a certificate of completion is issued. All certificates of completion are stored in the user's dashboard and can be used in the event of a recertification audit. The CPST can download and/or print the certificate to provide proof of completion to Safe Kids Certification.

As an added benefit, all courses offered within the Child Passenger Safety Learning Portal can be set up to be provided as a Group Course. Group Courses will allow a Group Administrator(s) to manage and monitor the students', in the group, progress through the selected course(s). This is beneficial for organizations that plan training for their staff, or CPST leaders who coordinate trainings within their state or county.

Thank you to everyone who assisted us by testing the courses and providing feedback as we were developing the Child Passenger Safety Learning Portal. The opportunities that this system will provide for CPSTs and the community at large are exciting. Any concerns or questions can be directed to training@cpsboard.org.

Submitted by Claudia Summers, Program Manager, National Safety Council, Waxhaw, NC

Nursing Contact Hours

Safe Kids does provide CNE for the CPST Certification course (students only) for both the in-person and hybrid deliveries. This nursing continuing professional development activity was approved by the Emergency Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. The course will provide 24.0 contact hours of CNE. Course must be at least 30 hours. The Lead Instructor must notify Safe Kids about intent to provide CNE (at least 3 weeks in advance) – Safe Kids will confirm eligibility.

After the course, the lead instructor will send in the following paperwork.

- One file with the Conflicts of Interest forms for each instructor
- One file with the post evaluation summary (using activity evaluations for each instructor) We only need the summary page
- One file with the daily rosters signed daily by nurses

You can choose to send in the application pages for the students or they can send them in individually. If the students are sending them on their own, please ask them not to send them until the course is complete, so we have the lead instructor's paperwork on file first.

For more information on CNE hours, please go to:

<https://go.pardot.com/e/957122/qs-forms-course-administration/cs4hc/383973442?h=OaO0GemWsz0-tTHueQpm4O7ICBHcjiVcoLT-2CGIJ24>

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CONFERENCES AND OBSERVATIONS

2023 Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities

April 2-4, 2023

Seattle, WA

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2023 PREVCON Childhood Injury Prevention Convention

July 23-26, 2023

National Harbor, MD

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2023 KIDZ IN MOTION National Child Passenger Safety Conference

August 23-25, 2023

Oklahoma City, OK

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2023 CPS Week

September 18–24
Seat Check Saturday—September 24

CEU and Community Education Resources

A variety of webinars are available online and free of charge. Learn more.

Upcoming NCPSTB webinars. Registration for each can be found at <https://go.pardot.com/e/957122/recertification-/cs4hr/383973442?h=OaO0GemWsz0-tTHueQpm4O7ICBHcjiVcoLT-2CGIJ24>

- **[Feb. 21: Child Safety in the Skies](#)**: Catherine Burnett of the FAA will discuss ways parents can enhance safety for their littles when traveling in private or commercial aircraft.
- **[March 21: Tribal Outreach in Child Passenger Safety](#)**: This is a **Community Education** webinar.
- **[April 25: Heatstroke Ed Talk](#)**: Discussion will focus on the latest in heatstroke education, research and countermeasures. This is a **Community Education** webinar.

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](#).
- [Can I use my smartphone?](#)
- [Can I get credit for watching a webinar with a group?](#)

Goodbaby International Product Update (Evenflo & CYBEX)

Thursday, Feb 23, 2023
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET (1 CEU)
[Register Now](#)

NUNA - *Forever Forward in 2023*

Thursday, March 23, 2023
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET (1 CEU)
[Register Now](#)

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

FOR INSTRUCTORS

Going Beyond the Slides...Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training

Simply teaching to the slides will not give the technician candidate enough information to create a solid foundation for their technical and communication skills. The slides are simply an outline and include key concepts and graphics to support the corresponding material in the instructor and technician guides. This is the same concept of airbags being a supplemental restraint system and are to be used with seatbelts and never alone.

An effective instructor identifies students who are struggling, asks questions, and adjusts teaching strategies to assist in the learning process. If your technician candidates look like a deer in headlights, you may want to change your teaching strategies by adding more demonstrations during your lectures or more hands-on for the technician candidates. Sometimes it is easier to demonstrate a concept than explain it, such as changing the lower anchors on a convertible seat from the rear-facing belt path to the forward-facing belt path. Because this involves removing the anchors from one belt path, routing them under the padding to the other belt path all without getting it tangled on the harness straps or interfering with the crotch buckle may not be easy to explain without a step-by-step demonstration.

During module activities when the group is divided into pairs to discuss various topics, Instructors should be walking around listening to what is being said and asking questions. These activities build a foundation for the technician candidates to accurately educate caregivers about these topics. If they are providing their class partner with incorrect information or is not understanding the material, this gives the CPSTIs the ability to clarify the information. Having instructors demonstrate the communication skills and explaining to the students why they are doing these exercises helps them realize the importance of practicing delivering the information correctly.

Course Instructors should always be engaged during the course. While paying attention to another instructor's presentation you may notice students in the class appearing not to understand a concept or realize an instructor needs assistance demonstrating a technique. Regardless of the situation, team members should be working together to identify the needs of students and other instructors to ensure the course runs smoothly, on time and all students leaves with a solid foundation and the confidence to utilize their child passenger safety technician skills.

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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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