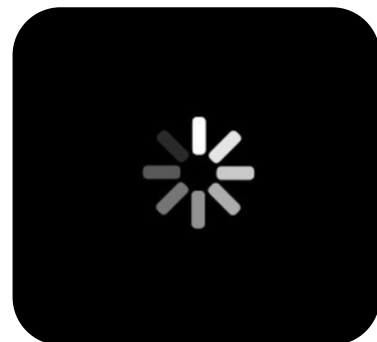


## CERTIFICATION WEBSITE

### 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' TEAM CERT IS HERE TO HELP!

- Technical content and questions, understanding Certification policies and procedures, contact: **Cass Herring at [certadvisor@safekids.org](mailto:certadvisor@safekids.org)**
- Recertification, managing a course, or paying a fee (roster issues), contact: **Wardell Bonner or Theresa Jean at [cpscert@safekids.org](mailto: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](mailto:sheitsch@safekids.org)**
- Audit questions, **[cpsaudit@safekids.org](mailto:cpsaudit@safekids.org)**

## TECHNICIANS CORNER

### Expiration

The 2 most common situations for certification expiration due to technical issues that customer services see are incomplete payment and no community education requirement entered. Please ensure all requirements for recertification are entered prior to the expiration date and complete the recertification cycle by making a payment.

### Take Time to Review the Code of Conduct

Technicians must adhere to the following:

- Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training curriculum
- National Child Passenger Safety Certification Program policies and procedures
- Car seat and vehicle manufacturers' instructions

The full document can be found on the inside cover of the 2024 National Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training and can be downloaded here

<https://www.cpsboard.org/technician-resources/code-of-conduct/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CONFERENCES

#### 2025 KIDZ IN MOTION

International Child Passenger

Safety Conference

August 14-15, 2025

Madison, WI

<https://kidzinmotion.org/upcoming-kidz-in-motion-conferences/>

#### 2025 PREVCON Childhood Injury Prevention Convention

October 15-18, 2025

National Harbor, MD

<https://prevcon.org/>

#### 2026 Lifesavers Conference

April 19-21, 2026 (with auxiliary trainings April 18)

Baltimore, MD

[www.lifesaversconference.org](http://www.lifesaversconference.org)

### OBSERVANCES

#### 2025 CPS Week

September 21–27, 2025

and

#### National Seat Check Saturday

September 27, 2025

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/communication-calendars>

## 2025 MACPS CALENDAR OF STATE, REGIONAL

#### MD: July 29

Maryland CPS Tech Update (Location TBD, central to DC and Baltimore areas); Claire Myer, [claire.myer@maryland.gov](mailto:claire.myer@maryland.gov)

#### WI: August 18-19

Governor's Highway Safety Conference (Wisconsin Dells); Jim Savage, [jsavage@childrenswi.org](mailto:jsavage@childrenswi.org)

#### NJ: September 18-19

Child Passenger Safety Conference (Little Egg Harbor and Fairfield); Porsha Moody, [Pmoody@cjfhc.org](mailto:Pmoody@cjfhc.org)

#### ME: September 21-22

Maine CPS Conference (Location TBD; within 25 miles of Bangor or Portland); Kerry Chausmer, [kchausmer@ghsa.org](mailto:kchausmer@ghsa.org)

#### AZ: October 1

AZ CEU Update (Scottsdale); Yomaira Castillo, [yomaira.diaz@azdhs.gov](mailto:yomaira.diaz@azdhs.gov)

#### IL, IN, IA, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD, WI: October 21-22

Minnesota TZD Conference (Prior Lake, MN); Sheila Denton, [sheila.denton@scmnems.org](mailto:sheila.denton@scmnems.org)

#### NV: October 21-23

Nevada Traffic Safety Summit (Las Vegas); John Morrison, [jjmorrison@dps.state.nv.us](mailto:jjmorrison@dps.state.nv.us)

#### DE, D.C., MD, NJ, PA, VA: October 28

Delaware Child Passenger Safety Conference (Rehoboth Beach, DE); Juanita Huey-Smith, [juanita.huey-smith@delaware.gov](mailto:juanita.huey-smith@delaware.gov)

# CERTIFICATION UPDATES

## Skills 3 Image requests

The Skills test images are intended to be reused. Please only request 3 skills images if the lead instructor for the course does not have a set already. Lead instructors or course administrators will be prompted to provide a yes or no response to the field during course registration.

## Company type

You may now add up to 2 company types in your profile. You can do this while creating a profile or select the "update profile" section once you log in.

## Coming Soon

Relaunch of <https://training.safekids.org/> with a new learning management system. You will use the same username as your certification profile.

# INSTRUCTORS CORNER

## Make it a habit - Check for updates regularly

Prior to each certification course, login to the protected instructor materials and ensure your instructor team is using the most current resources. Each update has a date by it so you can ensure version control. Work with current CPSTs and CPSTIs to ensure that updates on curriculum changes have been communicated. A downloadable version of the technician guide is available here <https://www.cpsboard.org/resource-center/>

## Renewal Testing Course

Starting in August 2025 all renewal testing course offerings will use the 2024 Child Passenger Safety Certification Training materials.

## Seat Check Sign-Offs: Why Verification Matters

The primary purpose of instructor/technician proxy verification of the seat check activity required for recertification is observation of interactions with parents and children.

The instructor or technician proxy verifying seat check activity should feel confident in the technical and communication skills of the technician/instructor they are observing. This should be done by direct observation of their ability to communicate accurate information to a parent or caregiver and ensure that communication is accurate and consistent with the information and methodologies detailed in the 2024 Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training. All seat checks should be double-checked ensuring the installation and paperwork are appropriate and correct.

## Seat Check Guidelines

The following guidelines were approved by the Certification/Recertification committee of the [National CPS Board](#):

- During a seat check, it is always best to have the child present.
- Instructors and technicians are strongly encouraged to make every effort to do an actual safety seat checkup.
- **BEST:** Observing interactions and education with caregivers is best practice and is the best way for an instructor or technician proxy to assess the communication and technical skills of the tech/instructor.
- **BETTER:** If an actual caregiver is not available, the instructor/technician proxy may choose a mock scenario, where a colleague acts out the part of the parent.
- **GOOD:** The CPST adjusts and install the seat with a doll and then are asked questions about the installation and education they would provide. They may be asked to demonstrate adjusting the seat.
- It is strongly encouraged that you enter your seat checks throughout your certification cycle, rather than waiting until near your certification expiration date.

Real or mock, the verifying instructor or technician proxy must feel confident in the technicians ability to communicate accurate information to a parent or caregiver and double-check that the installation and paperwork are correct.

**Real or mock, an actual vehicle must always be used for seat checks.**

*Submitted by Cass Herring, Senior Director of Road Safety and Child Occupant Protection, Safe Kids Worldwide*

# CEU AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION RESOURCES

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

## Upcoming NCPSB Webinars

<https://www.cpsboard.org/webinars/>

### Continuing Education

Join for CEU webinars. To register, click on a link below. (If you encounter an issue, please check your browser. Chrome, Edge and Firefox tend to work the best):

**None currently scheduled. Check back soon.**

### Community Education

Join for community education. To register, click on a link below. (If you encounter an issue, please check your browser. Chrome, Edge and Firefox tend to work the best.)

**Tuesday, July 15: [You See Me Rollin: Stroller Regulations and Testing](#).** While not directly related to child passenger safety, the stroller category is certainly adjacent to car seats. Items within this category have their own myriads of regulations and complexities. Join Sarah Haverstick and the Evenflo team to learn more about both required and voluntary testing for wheeled goods, including determining infant car seat and stroller compatibility. We will also review some tips and tricks for happy strolling.

### Educator Forum

Technicians and Instructors are all educators. Join members of the National Child Passenger Safety Board for the newest bimonthly edition to our webinar lineup, the Educator Forum.

**Wednesday, July 30: [What's New with Car Seat Basics?](#)** National Child Passenger Safety Board members Tammy Franks and Kyndra Webb share what's new with the 2025 version of Car Seat Basics.

## 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](#).

**Chicco's New Car Seats**  
**Thursday, July 24, 2025**  
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET (1 CEU)  
[Register Now](#)

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

