

WANT TO BECOME A CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TECHNICIAN?

Education and proper use of car seats, booster seats, seat belts, and vehicle safety systems helps save lives and can prevent injuries and deaths. Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technicians are trained educators in the field of occupant protection. The National Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training is a nationally standardized curriculum developed through a partnership of organizations.

WHY ARE WE HERE?

Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death and injuries for children. When used correctly, car seats and booster seats greatly reduce the risk of hospitalization, injury, and death for children. Caregivers generally have good intentions, but Ohio law and car seats can be very confusing. This leads to most car seats being installed and/or used incorrectly which can be extremely dangerous or even fatal for a child passenger. We are here to educate, empower, and support caregivers so they can confidently use and install their child's car seat or booster seat correctly each and every time.

CPS TECHNICIAN ACTIVITIES

This training will equip you with the basic skills to educate caregivers about child passenger safety. You may accomplish this in several different ways, including:

- Checkup events
- Health and safety fairs
- Educational presentations
- One-on-one interactions with caregivers



One-on-One Interactions



Car seat checkup event

WASHINGTON COUNTY OFFERS

Ohio Buckles Buckeyes: Marietta/Belpre Health Department serves as the coordinator and provides child safety seats and booster seats to eligible low income families for Washington County.

Car Seat Fitting Station: Washington County Family and Children First and the Marietta Fire Station 1 serves as fitting stations which are locations where parents and caregivers can receive education and training on how to properly install and use their child safety seat.

Booster Seat Education: Child Passenger Safety Technicians offer a 20-30 Minute Booster Seat Education perfect for children 3-8. Education has been done in pre-schools and annually at the Samuel R. Cook Safetytown.

RESOURCES FOR STATISTICS

Resources for current injury and misuse data across the country and in your community include the following.

- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) (nhtsa.gov)
- National Child Passenger Safety Board (cpsboard.org)
- Safe Kids Worldwide (safekids.org)
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) (aap.org)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (cdc.gov/injury and cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety)
- Governors Highway Safety Administration (GHSA) (ghsa.org)
- Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) (iihs.org)
- National Safety Council Injury Facts (nsc.org/injuryfacts)
- State and local health departments
- Car seat, booster seat, and vehicle manufacturer websites

If you would like to become a CPS Technician start at cert.safekids.org

Want to talk to a CPS Technician contact Jon Higgins @ fiscalfcf@suddenlinkmail.com

By understanding the correct use of car seats, booster seats, and seat belts, CPS Technicians provide caregivers important information and resources on the safe transportation of children.