

Child Passenger Safety Week

September 23-29, 2018

The basics of child passenger safety – seat selection, direction, location, installation and harnessing – are more important than ever. Traffic fatalities nationwide are climbing at an alarming rate, and securing our most precious passengers correctly is the best way to protect them. Every year, thousands of children are tragically injured or killed in car crashes. In fact, crashes are a leading cause of death of children, and fatalities have been steadily increasing since 2014. On average, in 2016, two children under 13 were killed every day while riding in cars, SUVs, pickups and vans. Unfortunately, the numbers in 2016 show an 8-percent increase in fatalities from the previous year, making 2016 the deadliest year in the past 5 years. As a community, we have an obligation to keep children safe and making sure each child is traveling in the correct car seat for their age and size is crucial.

Parents and caregivers need to make certain that they and their children are properly buckled up for every trip, every time – including short trips to places like the grocery store or school. In 2016, 228 passenger vehicle occupants under age 13 died while unbuckled in motor vehicle traffic crashes. Car seats, booster seats, and seat belts — when used properly — save lives and offer the best protection for children in crashes.

In Pennsylvania from 2013 – 2017, 82 percent of the children under age 4 who were involved in crashes and restrained in a car seat sustained no injury (2017 Pennsylvania Crash Facts and Statistics). The data is evidence that deaths and injuries can be prevented by correctly using car seats, boosters and seat belts. In 2016, the Pennsylvania Occupant Protection law was enhanced to require children younger than age 2 to be secured in a rear-facing car seat.

Pennsylvania's Occupant Protection Law for Children

- All children from birth to age 4 must be secured in a car seat anywhere in the vehicle.
 - Children younger than age 2 must be secured rear-facing, until they outgrow the maximum weight and height of the car seat.
- All children 4 years of age and older, but less than 8 years, must be secured in a seat belt and an appropriate booster seat anywhere in the vehicle.
- All children 8 years of age and older, but less than 18 years of age, must be secured in a seat belt system anywhere in the vehicle.
- All drivers are responsible for securing children in the appropriate car seat, booster seat, or seat belt.

Register an Event or Find One in Your Community

Registered events will be sent to PennDOT and NHTSA and posted on the PA TIPP and NHTSA websites. Events will also be shared through local media releases to help advertise them in communities. The compiled statewide list will be available upon request to community partners and child passenger safety advocates.

Registration can be completed at: www.pakidstravelsafe.org under "CPS Week 2018" or www.surveymonkey.com/r/CPSWeekEvent or fill out the last page of the "2018 CPS Week" planner and FAX to 484-446-3036 or email aosterhuber@paaap.org.

A complete list of events will be available on the website.

"Safe Families Buckle Up"

Pennsylvania's theme for Child Passenger Safety Week is "**Safe Families Buckle Up**". The theme encourages all vehicle passengers to use an appropriate occupant restraint. The best way to protect children in a car is to make sure every passenger in the vehicle is correctly buckled in a car seat, booster seat, or seat belt on every trip, every ride.

Request Materials

Free materials to distribute to caregivers at your events can be ordered by calling 1-800 CAR BELT, visiting www.pakidstravelsafe.org under "CPS Week 2018" or at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CPSWeekFlyers>.

Materials given to parents and caregivers offer best practice guidance on the correct selection and use of car seats, booster seats, and seat belts.

To receive educational materials for CPS Week, please submit your request by September 10th. Requests made after September 10th will be filled, but we cannot guarantee you will receive them in time for your event.



Five Steps for Correct Use

Resources and Child Passenger Safety Week Planner

The PA Traffic Injury Prevention Project and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation are committed to working closely with our partners and safety advocates to educate parents and caregivers during Child Passenger Safety Week. To generate awareness about the importance of securing children in the correct car seat, booster seat, or seat belt, the 2018 Child Passenger Safety Week planner was developed. The planner provides information and resources to promote the safety of children traveling in Pennsylvania. The planner is posted at

<http://pakidstravelsafe.org/resources/cps/item/880-child-passenger-safety-week-2018>.

The planner includes evidenced-based best practice recommendations for the use of car seats, booster seats and seat belts.

We appreciate your partnership and look forward to working with you in promoting child passenger safety.



Child Passenger Safety Trainings

For questions on how to create a personal profile or register for a class, please go to <http://cert.safekids.org/ResourcesFAQs/Howto.aspx>.

Certification Courses

The **CPS Certification** course provides the training necessary to become a certified CPS technician. This four-day course establishes CPS certification for a two-year cycle. The fee is \$85. To register, go to cert.safekids.org.

Lehigh County

Course ID: PA20180710729
Date: Sept. 13-14 & 17-18, 2018
Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Cetronia EMS Joint Operation Center
4300 Broadway
Allentown, PA 18104
Contact: Bill McQuilken
Phone: 610-402-9047
Email: william_d.mcquilken@lvhn.org

Cumberland County

Course ID: PA20180611649
Date: September 25-28, 2018
Time: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Hampten Township Fire Department
Good Hope Station
1200 Good Hope Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
Contact: Matt Frampton
Phone: 717-766-1616
Email: mframpton@atspa.org

Venango County

Course ID: PA20180503535
Date: October 9-11, 2018
Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Date: Oct 12, 2018
Time: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
UPMC Seneca Place
3163 Route 257
Seneca, PA 16346
Contact: Mary Lakari
Phone: 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Luzerne County

Course ID: PA20180620677
Date: October 16-20, 2018
Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
McCarthy Tire
340 Kidder St.
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Indiana County

Course ID: PA20180604633
Date: October 18-19 & 25-26, 2018
Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Citizen's Ambulance
West Pike Training Facility
2712 West Pike Road
Indiana, PA 15701
Contact: Kristen Urso
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kurso@paaap.org

Union County

Course ID: PA2018010314
Date: October 23-26, 2018
Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Evangelical Community Hospital,
Community Health and Wellness
3 Hospital Drive, Suite 120
Lewisburg, PA 17837
Contact: Kelly Whitaker
Phone: 814-943-3360
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org

York County

Course ID: PA20180718752
Date: October 30 – November 2, 2018
Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Rabbit Transit—York County
Administrative Office
415 N. Zarfoss Drive
York, PA 17404
Contact: Joe Anne Ward-Cottrell
Phone: 717-851-3231
Email: mwardcottrell@wellspan.org

Franklin County

Course ID: PA20180724775
Date: November 13-16, 2018
Time: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Fayetteville EMS
101 West Main Street
Fayetteville, PA 17222
Contact: Matthew Frampton
Phone: 717-766-1616
Email: mframpton@atspa.org

Centre County

Course ID: PA20180521576
Date: December 4-7, 2018
Time: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Ferguson Township Municipal Building
3147 Research Drive
State College, PA 16801
Contact: Kelly Whitaker
Phone: 814-943-3360
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org

Washington County

Course ID: PA20180604634
Date: December 10-13, 2018
Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Peters Township Fire Department
245 E McMurray Road
McMurray, PA 15317
Contact: Kristen Urson
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kurso@paaap.org

Renewal Course

The **CPS Renewal** course is for CPS technicians with an expired certification. The one-day course allows re-certification for a two-year cycle. The fee is \$85. To register, go to cert.safekids.org.

Crawford County

Course ID: PA20180803815
Date: September 21, 2018
Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Meadville Fire Department
850 Park Avenue
Meadville, PA 16335
Contact: Mary Lakari
Phone: 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Fayette County

Course ID: PA20180814854
Date: October 2, 2018
Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Private Industry Council
112 Commonwealth Drive
Lemont Furnace, PA 15456
Contact: Kristen Urso
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kurso@paaap.org

Monroe County

Course ID: PA20180606639
Date: October 4, 2018
Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Monroe County Emergency Management
100 Gypsum Road
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Cumberland County

Course ID: PA20180806822
Date: October 17, 2018
Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
SCPAHS @ American Trauma Society, PA Division
2 Flowers Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
Contact: Matthew Frampton
Phone: 717-766-1616
Email: mframpton@atspa.org

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2018 CPS Technical Update Courses

- The **TIPP CPS Technical Update** class has been pre-approved for 6 CEUs towards re-certification. CPS Technical Update class is available upon request. Contact your TIPP regional coordinator to schedule a presentation in your region. Participation will earn 6 CPS CEUs toward recertification.
- The Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) has approved the CPS Technical Update provides 6 Continuing Law Enforcement Education (CLEE) credit hours.

Mercer County

Date: September 13, 2018
Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
155 West Connelly Blvd.
Sharon, PA 16146
Contact: Mary Lakari
Phone: 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Schuylkill County

Date: September 13, 2018
Time: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Rush Twp. Municipal Building
104 Mahanoy Avenue.
Tamaqua, PA 18252
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Erie County

Date: September 27, 2018
Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Blasco Library Admiral Room
160 E. Front Street
Erie, PA 16507
Contact: Mary Lakari
Phone: 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Lackawanna County

Date: October 2, 2018
Time: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm
Commonwealth Health EMS
1491-1523 N. Keyser Avenue
Corner of Oakwood Drive
And Keyser Avenue
Scranton, PA 18504
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Clarion County

Date: October 4, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Bureau of Forestry
158 South 2nd Ave.
Clarion, PA 16214
Contact: Mary Lakari
Phone: 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Montgomery County

Date: October 11, 2018
Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
North Coventry Fire Department
144 W. Schuylkill Road
Pottstown PA 19465
Contact: Teresa DeSantis
Phone: 484-446-3078
Email: TDeSantis@paaap.org

McKean County

Date: October 16, 2018
Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Bradford Regional Medical Center
Education Center Room B
116 Interstate Parkway
Bradford, PA 16701
Contact: Mary Lakari
Phone: 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

