



# Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training



The **National Standardized Child Passenger Safety Certification Training** is designed to educate individuals who wish to become a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician.

The course teaches “**need to know**” information covering:

- The importance of child restraints and seat belts
- Relevant federal motor vehicle safety standards
- Vehicle seat belt systems and air bags
- Lower anchors and tethers
- Best practice recommendations for the selection of child restraint systems
- Correct use and installation of child restraints
- Use of child restraints in different types of vehicles, and
- Other considerations related to child passenger safety.

Teaching strategies include presentations, practice activities, and group discussion. Written quizzes and performance assessments are given throughout the course. A final car seat checkup event is an integral part of the course. Successful participation in activities, quizzes, and assessments leads to becoming a child passenger safety technician.

After participating in this program, **certified child passenger safety technicians will be able to:**

1. Apply basic technical skills and knowledge to correctly select, install, and use child restraints in vehicles.
2. Install child restraint systems in multiple types of vehicles following car seat manufacturer’s instructions and best practice recommendations.
3. Educate parents in the proper selection, installation, and use of car seats and booster seats.
4. Educate parents on when a child can be safely secured in the vehicle seat belt.
5. Serve as a resource to in the community, and in your agency and organization relative to child passenger safety.

## Why become a nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST)?

Child passenger safety technicians and instructors use their considerable knowledge and expertise at community-based events, such as child safety seat checks, where parents and caregivers receive education and hands-on assistance to learn how to safely secure their child when traveling. As a child passenger safety technician, you will be able to assist families with your technical knowledge in the correct selection, use and installation of car seats. You will be equipped to provide one-on-one educational programs and community presentations. Misuse is still commonly found in the use of car seats. The skill of certified child passenger safety technicians will benefit the families in your community.

### Cost:

Safe Kids Worldwide: \$95; Cost of course manual and a two-year certification (Re-certification fee: \$55).

### Course Registration:

If you are interested in attending a Child Passenger Safety Certification training to become a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician **check the certification website at <http://cert.safekids.org>**. **Scheduled classes are also listed on the Traffic Injury Prevention website at [www.pakidstravelsafe.org](http://www.pakidstravelsafe.org)**.

**For more information** call the PA Traffic Injury Prevention Project at **1-800-CAR-BELT**

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### PA Vehicle Code: Title 75

**Section 4586 - Civil immunity for child passenger safety technicians** and lenders of child passenger restraint systems and booster seats.

(a) **Technician immunity.** – A child passenger safety technician or sponsoring organization shall not be civilly liable for an act or omission that occurs solely in the inspection, installation or adjustment of a child passenger restraint system or child booster seat in a motor vehicle, or in the giving of advice or assistance regarding the installation or adjustment of a child passenger restraint system or child booster seat in a motor vehicle if:

- (1) **The child passenger safety technician acts in good faith and within the scope of the training for which the technician is currently certified;**
- (2) **The act or omission does not constitute gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct;**
- (3) **The inspection, installation or adjustment of the child passenger safety restraint system or child booster seat or the advice or assistance is provided without fee or charge to the owner or operator of the motor vehicle; and**
- (4) **The inspection, installation or adjustment of the child passenger restraint system or child booster seat is not provided in conjunction with the for-profit sale of the child passenger restraint system or child booster seat.**

(b) **Lender immunity.** -- No person or organization who or which lends to another person or organization a child passenger restraint system or appropriately fitting child booster seats, as described in section 4581 (relating to restraint systems), shall be liable for any civil damages resulting from any acts or omission, except any act or omission intentionally designed to harm, or any grossly negligent act or omission resulting in harm to another.

(c) **Definitions.** –As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have meanings given to them in this subsection:

**“Child Passenger Safety Technician.” An individual who holds a current certification as a child passenger safety technician or technician instructor by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the United States Department of Transportation, the American Automobile Association or other entity designated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.**

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