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Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety Releases the 2019 Roadmap of State Highway Safety Laws

The annual roadmap highlights State Laws identified as needed to reduce motor vehicle crashes and save lives. The report rates all 50 states and the District of Columbia (DC) on their progress toward enacting 16 fundamental traffic safety laws. The report can be used as a guide for legislative action throughout the country. The Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety believe if every state enacted just one law this session, substantial progress would be achieved at closing gaps in current laws.

The report gives every state and DC a rating in five categories (Occupant Protection, Child Passenger Safety, Teen Driving, Impaired Driving, and Distracted Driving) as well as an overall grade of: Green (Good); Yellow (Caution); and Red (Danger). The Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety encourage all states to prioritize safety this year by taking up the recommended laws in the Roadmap Report.

All across the nation, the transportation system provides people with great mobility, whether walking, biking, driving or riding. This mobility comes with an enormous cost. In 2017:

- ◆ 37,133 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes -- a 1.8% decrease from the previous year. This marginal decrease follows two years of increases.
- ◆ Automobile crashes remain a leading cause of death for Americans age five to 34.
- ◆ Almost half (47%) of passenger vehicle occupants killed were unrestrained.
- ◆ A total of 5,172 motorcyclists died, amounting to 14% of all crash fatalities.
- ◆ 1,147 children aged 14 and younger were killed in motor vehicle crashes, including 267 children age four through seven and 248 children age two and younger.
- ◆ Crashes involving young drivers (age 15 - 20) resulted in 4,750 fatalities, accounting for almost 13% of all crash deaths.
- ◆ There were 10,874 fatalities in crashes involving a drunk driver.
- ◆ In crashes involving a distracted driver, 3,166 people were killed

The Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety identified the following Child Passenger Safety Laws critical to reducing child motor vehicle deaths and injuries.

1. Rear Facing Through Age 2 Law - Infants and toddlers should remain in a rear facing child restraint system in the rear seat from birth through age two at a minimum. After the child reaches the maximum weight and height limit for the rear facing safety seat, the child may be placed forward facing in a harness-equipped child restraint system. The child restraint system should be certified by the manufacturer to meet U.S. DOT safety standards.
2. Booster Seat Law - Requires that children who have outgrown the height and weight limit of a forward facing safety seat be placed in a booster seat that should be used until the child can properly use the vehicle's seat belt when the child reaches 57 inches in height and age eight. The booster seat should be certified by the manufacturer to meet U.S. DOT safety standards.

Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for American children age five to 14.

- ◆ The best way to protect children from risks posed by the force of airbags is to place them in the back seat, restrained by a child safety seat, booster seat or safety belt, as appropriate.
- ◆ When children are properly restrained in a child safety seat, booster seat or safety belt, as appropriate for their age and size, their chance of being killed or seriously injured in a car crash is greatly reduced.
- ◆ According to NHTSA, when used properly, child safety seats reduce fatal injury by 71% for infants and 54% for toddlers in passenger cars. Nearly 325 lives were saved in 2017 by restraining children four and younger in passenger vehicles.

The 2019 Roadmap of State Highway Safety Laws, speaker statements, handouts and video of the news are available for review at: <http://saferoads.org/roadmap-reports/>

Counterfeit Car Seats

Unsafe “counterfeit” or “knock-off” car seats have recently been available for sale online. The most obvious tell-tale sign that a car seat may be counterfeit is the missing label that states the car seat conforms to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 213 (FMVSS 213). The car seats may be missing the registration card, car seat instruction manual, harness retainer clip (chest clip), and labels. Counterfeit car seats use materials that look similar to those used on car seats that meet the federal standards. When the counterfeit car seats were tested, dangerous chemicals were found in the textiles and during crash testing, the dummy fell out of the car seats.



Car seats that meet FMVSS 213 will have:

- ◆ A car seat instruction manual and registration card.
- ◆ The required safety labels:
 - ◆ Name and address of the Manufacturer
 - ◆ Verification that it conforms to federal standards
 - ◆ Date of manufacture and model number
 - ◆ Basic instructions for correct use and installation
- ◆ A harness retainer clip (chest clip) which is found on all car seats in the US.
- ◆ Harness components that are generally made of metal.



Labels: According to NHTSA, parents should always check for labeling that states, “This child restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards”. If a label with this statement is not present on the car seat, it is likely a counterfeit or noncompliant car seat. Non-compliant car seats often feature poorly worded safety labels that seem to have been translated to English from another language.

Register your car seat: Register your car seat with the manufacturer to be certain of its authenticity. Some counterfeit car seat will print copies of the stickers that belong to a car seat manufacturer, but they will use a model number already in use or create a fake model number. Registering your car seat allows the manufacturer to contact you if there is ever a recall or issue with your car seat.

When examined, counterfeit car seats were found to have:

- ◆ All seat parts made of plastic; including the buckles.
- ◆ A poorly fitting harness for the child and missing a chest clip.
- ◆ A loose piece of plastic used for the harness adjuster on the underside of the carrier.
- ◆ A flimsy part provided to attach the carrier to the base. With very little pressure that part almost snapped.
- ◆ No car seat instructions, registration card, or safety labeling, including the date of manufacture.
- ◆ Plastic so flimsy that it could be bent by hand.



Study Released: “Factors Associated with Unrestrained Young Passengers in Motor Vehicle Crashes”

<https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/143/3/e20182507>

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional injury death among children and teens in the United States, and unrestrained child passengers are at significant risk of crash-related injury. This study analyzed federal data (Fatality Analysis Reporting System and National Automotive Sampling System) on crashes between 2011 and 2015 with passengers age 19 or younger in the vehicle.



The data showed that drivers who do not buckle-up are likely to have unrestrained child passengers, compared to drivers who were wearing their seat belts during a crash. The strong relationship between the driver and passenger restraint use provides support for initiatives that reach unrestrained drivers. Unbuckled drivers had a higher probability of having unrestrained passengers across all age groups for both fatal and non-fatal crashes.

UPDATE:



Seat Belts on School Buses

The National Transportation Safety Board Special Investigation Report from May of 2018 recommended that all States enact legislation to require all new large school buses be equipped with passenger lap and shoulder belts for all passenger seating positions in accordance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 222.

On March 13, Pennsylvania House Bill 799 was introduced to address seat belts on school buses.

The bill requires:

- ◆ Vehicle seats on each bus that carries passengers 12 years of age or younger be equipped with or be fitted with retractable seat belts.
- ◆ That each passenger on the school bus have a seat belt available.
- ◆ That each passenger use a seat belt when the bus is in motion.

The NTSB article is at:

<https://www.nts.gov/news/events/Documents/2018bussir-abstract.pdf>

PA TIPP Child Passenger Safety Technical Update Classes Please RSVP if planning to attend. Class earns 6 CEUs toward CPS Recertification

Montour County

Date: April 16, 2019
Time: 9:30 am—3:30 pm
Geisinger Medical Center
100 N. Academy Avenue
Danville, PA 17822
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Chester County

Date: April 17, 2019
Time: 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Minquas Fire Company
141 Wallace Avenue
Downingtown, PA 19335
Contact: Teresa DeSantis
Phone: 484-446-3078
Email: tdesantis@paaap.org

Warren County

Date: April 18, 2019
Time: 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Youngsville Police Department
40 Railroad Street
Youngsville, PA 16371
Contact: Mary Lakari
Phone: 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Union County

Date: April 18, 2019
Time: 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Evangelical Community Health
3 Hospital Drive, Suite 120
Lewisburg, PA 17837
Contact: Kelly Whitaker
Phone: 814-943-3360
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org

Centre County

Date: April 23, 2019
Time: 9:00 am—3:30 pm
Ferguson Township Municipal
Building
3147 Research Drive
State College, PA 16801
Contact: Kelly Whitaker
Phone: 814-943-3360
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org

Lycoming County

Date: April 30, 2019
Time: 9:30 am—3:30 pm
Montoursville Borough Office
617 N. Loyalsock Avenue
Montoursville, PA 17754
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Wayne County

Date: May 13, 2019
Time: 9:30 am—3:30 pm
Wayne County Children and Youth
648 Park Street
Honesdale, PA 18431
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Montgomery County

Date: May 14, 2019
Time: 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Plymouth Community Ambulance
902 Germantown Pike
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
Contact: Teresa DeSantis
Phone: 484-446-3078
Email: tdesantis@paaap.org

Mercer County

May 16, 2019
Time: 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Mercer State Health Center
25 McQuiston Drive
Jackson Center, PA 16133
Contact Mary Lakari
Phone: 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Monroe County

Date: May 17, 2019
Time: 9:30 am—3:30 pm
Monroe County Emergency
Management
100 Gypsum Road
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Schuylkill County

May 23, 2019
Time: 9:30 am—3:30 pm
Lehigh Valley Hospital - Schuylkill
700 E. Norwegian Street
Family Birth and Newborn Center
Pottsville, PA 17901
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Venango County

Date: June 10, 2019
Time: 9:00 am—3:00 pm
UPMC NW Seneca Place
North Conference Room
3163 State Route 257
Seneca, PA 16346
Contact Mary Lakari
Phone: 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Berks County

Date: June 28, 2019
Time: 9:00 am—3:00 pm
AAA Reading Berks
920 Van Reed Road
Reading, PA 19610
Contact: Teresa DeSantis
Phone: 484-446-3078
Email: tdesantis@paaap.org

Crawford County

For Law Enforcement NW PA
(and Crawford County Techs)
Date: September 11, 2019
Time: 9:00 am—3:00 pm
NW Training Center PA State
Police
195 Valley View Drive
Meadville, PA 16335
Contact Mary Lakari
Phone: 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Erie County

Date: October 1, 2019
Time: 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Perry Hi-Way Hosiery Company
8281 Oliver Road
Erie, PA 16509
Contact Mary Lakari
Phone: 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Clarion County

Date: October 3, 2019
Time: 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Clarion Bureau of Forestry
158 South 2nd Ave.
Clarion, PA 16214
Contact Mary Lakari
Phone: 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Child Passenger Safety Trainings

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 \$95. To register, go to cert.safekids.org.

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 \$95. To register, go to cert.safekids.org.

The **TIPP CPS Technical Update** class has been pre-approved for 6 CEUs towards re-certification. Please contact TIPP if you are interested in hosting an Update class for CPS technicians in your area.

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		Renewal Courses	
<p>Lackawanna County (Controlled Course for EMS) Course ID: PA201812181225 Date: April 23—26, 2019 Time: 9:00 am—5:00 pm Community Life Support, Inc. 1 Oakwood Drive Scranton, PA 18508 Contact: Cathy Connors Phone: 570-471-3026 Email: cconnors@paaap.org</p> <p>Jefferson County Course ID: PA2019010430 Date: May 7—10, 2019 Time: 9:00 am—5:00 pm Reynoldsville EMS 203 East Main Street Reynoldsville, PA 15851 Contact: Mary Lakari Phone: 814-838-9971 Email: mlakari@paaap.org</p> <p>Franklin County Controlled class Course ID: PA20190301369 Date: May 14—17, 2019 Time: 8:00 am—4:30 pm Waynesboro Ambulance Squad 603 West Main Street Waynesboro, PA 17268 Contact: Matt Frampton Phone: 717-766-1616 Email: mframpton@atspa.org</p> <p>Erie County Course ID: PA2019010540 Date: May 28—31, 2019 Time: 9:00 am—5:00 pm Perry Hi Way Hose Company 8281 Oliver Road Erie, PA 16509 Contact: Mary Lakari Phone: 814-838-9971 Email: mlakari@paaap.org</p> <p>Union County Course ID: PA201810191035 Date: June 11—14, 2019 Time: 8:00 am—5:00 pm Evangelical Community Hospital Westbranch Medical Center 7095 Westbranch Highway Lewisburg, PA 17837 Contact: Deana Carson Phone: 570-768-3201 Email: deana.carson@evanhospital.com</p>	<p>Allegheny County Course ID: PA201812071196 Date: June 18—21, 2019 Time: 9:00 am—5:00 pm Ohio Township Volunteer Fire 1520 Roosevelt Road Pittsburgh, PA 15237 Contact: Kristen Urso Phone: 412-885-0266 Email: kurso@paaap.org</p> <p>Lancaster County Course ID: PA201901023 Date: June 19—22, 2019 Time: 8:00 am—4:30 pm Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center 101 Champ Blvd Manheim, PA 17545 Contact: Kimberly Herskowitz Phone: 717-723-8338 Email: kherskowitz@gmail.com</p> <p>York County Course ID: PA20190325445 Date: August 8—9 & 12—13, 2019 Time: 8:00 am—5:00 pm Alert Fire Company—Station 895 3200 Farmtrail Road York, PA 17406 Contact: Joe Anne Ward-Cottrell Phone: 717-851-3231 Email: mwardcottrell@wellspring.org</p> <p>Allegheny County Course ID: PA20190301365 Date: Oct 3—4 & Oct 10—11, 2019 Time: 9:00 am—5:00 pm CYS Permeancy Dept 102 Duff Road Pittsburgh, PA 15235 Contact: Kristen Urso Phone: 412-885-0266 Email: kurso@paaap.org</p> <p>Washington County Course ID: PA20190320424 Date: December 10—13, 2019 Time: 9:00 am—5:00 pm Peters Township Fire Department 245 E. McMurray Road McMurray, PA 15317 Contact: Kristen Urso Phone: 412-885-0266 Email: kurso@paaap.org</p>	<p>Union County Course ID: PA20190211280 Date: April 4, 2019 Time: 8:00 am—4:00 pm Evangelical Community Hospital 3 Hospital Drive, Suite 116 Lewisburg, PA 17837 Contact: Kelly Whitaker Phone: 814-943-3360 Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org</p> <p>Montgomery County Course ID: PA20190312397 Date: May 7, 2019 Time: 9:00 am—5:00 pm Plymouth Community Ambulance Association 902 Germantown Pike Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462 Contact: Teresa DeSantis Phone: 484-446-3078 Email: tdesantis@paaap.org</p>	<p>Crawford County Course ID: PA20190308391 Date: May 22, 2019 Time: 8:30 am—4:30 pm Meadville Fire Dept Training Rm 850 Park Ave Meadville, PA 16335 Contact: Mary Lakari Phone: 814-838-9971 Email: mlakari@paaap.org</p> <p>Venango County Course ID: PA20190304374 Date: September 6, 2019 Time: 9:00 am—5:00 pm UPMC Northwest 3163 State Route 257 Seneca, PA 16346 Contact: Mary Lakari Phone: 814-838-9971 Email: mlakari@paaap.org</p>
<p>NHTSA Launches the 2019 Railroad Crossing Safety Ad Campaign</p> <p>The NHTSA, in coordination with the Federal Railroad Administration, is launching the 2019 national rail grade crossing safety campaign to increase awareness about the dangers around railroad tracks in hopes to reduce fatalities at rail grade crossings.</p> <p>Motor vehicle crashes at rail grade crossings are avoidable. Remember: Stop. Trains Can't. Avoiding a collision with a train is the responsibility of the motorist.</p> <p>Use Caution at Every Railroad Crossing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ When approaching a railroad crossing, slow down, and look and listen for a train on the tracks, especially at “passive” crossings. ◆ Look carefully in both directions before crossing a railroad track—even during the day. Sixty-seven percent of railroad crossing collisions occur in clear weather conditions. ◆ Never race a train. It is easy to misjudge a train’s speed and distance from the crossing. A train traveling at 55 miles per hour takes a mile to stop—the length of 18 football fields or more—after applying the emergency brakes. ◆ Before entering a railroad crossing, check that there is enough room on the other side of the tracks for your vehicle to cross completely and safely. Be aware that you may need to cross multiple sets of tracks at some railroad crossings. ◆ Never stop on the railroad tracks. Keep moving once you have entered the crossing, and to avoid stalling, never shift gears on the tracks. ◆ If your vehicle does stall on a railroad track, quickly move away from the track and your vehicle at a 45-degree angle. Call the number on the Emergency Notification System (ENS) sign, or if the ENS sign is not visible to you, dial 911 for help. <p>For more information, go to: https://www.transportation.gov/stop-trains-cant</p>			

