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Special points of interest:

- The TIPP Office Has Moved
- Child Passenger Safety Learning Portal - carseateducation.org
- Hot Car Dangers - National Heatstroke Prevention Day is May 1, 2023
- 2023 LATCH Manual
- TIPP Upcoming Trainings



The PA TIPP Office Has Moved!!!

Please update your contact information. When submitting car seat check forms, written requests, and all correspondence, please send to our new address.

Pennsylvania Traffic Injury Prevention Project
661 Moore Road
Suite 200
King of Prussia, PA 19406



Staff phone numbers, the 1-800-CAR-BELT number and the TIPP website - www.pakidstravelsafe.org - will remain the same.



Child Passenger Safety Learning Portal

carseateducation.org

All Child Passenger Safety Technician CEU and Community Education courses have been relocated to the Child Passenger Safety Learning Portal.

CPS NEWS

Welcome to the Child Passenger Safety Learning Portal

Evidence-based Education on Child Passenger Safety

[View All Courses →](#)

Evidence-based Education

Evidence-based, interactive trainings boost your child passenger safety knowledge and skills. Trainings are available for all levels of learners.

- Free introductory training provides basic child passenger safety information to help keep children safe in and around vehicles.
- Enrichment trainings for nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians provide an in-depth review of a specific child passenger safety topic.

Link to the education portal can be found under the Recertification tab at cpsboard.org.

Child Passenger Safety Technician CEU Courses

CPST CEU Course

Rear-facing, forward-facing, booster seat or seat belt: Get technical education and updates from car seat manufacturers. We offer a variety of courses for you to fulfill your recertification requirements.

[CPST CEU Courses – Technical Education](#)

[CPST CEU Courses – Manufacturer Update](#)

Child Passenger Safety Technician Community Education

CPST Community Ed

What's the best way to work with ESL families? How can you grow your own CPS social media presence? Do you know how to maximize teaching moments? Get answers and fulfill your recertification requirements.

[Earn Community Education Hours in the Child Passenger Safety Learning Portal](#)

To access educational resource and take courses:

- **Create Account:** Users must create an account on the site to access educational resources. Each user will have a dashboard that provides access to selected trainings and certificates. Selected trainings are automatically loaded onto the users dashboard. The user can easily start, stop, and resume viewing any training on their dashboard.
- **Select Course:** Add course to cart and check out. All courses listed are free.
 - Courses eligible for CPST CEU credit will also include a quiz module. The quiz will not be available until the video is complete. When you pass the quiz, you will be able to download a completion certificate with your name, the course title, and the CEUs earned so you can enter that information into your cert.safekids.org dashboard for recertification.

[How-To Guides](#) are available to assist in creating an account and completing courses on the Child Passenger Safety Learning Portal.

Available Courses:

- **General Education Courses:** Introductory courses for use as community education tools for caregivers and the community. These courses are not eligible for CPST Recertification CEUs or Community Education.
- **CPST CEU courses:** Technical webinars that can be used to satisfy the Continuing Education Units (CEUs) required for CPST recertification.
 - Unless otherwise stated, all CEU courses in this catalog are worth 1.0 CEU hours.
 - CEUs must be entered into the CPSTs profile at cert.safekids.org to receive credit for Recertification.
- **CPST Community Education Courses:** Outreach and communication presentations that can be used to meet the CPST Community Education requirement.
 - Community Education session title and information must be entered into the CPSTs profile at cert.safekids.org to receive credit for recertification.





HOT CAR DANGERS



National Heatstroke Prevention Day is May 1, 2023

Nine hundred and thirty nine (939) children have died due to pediatric vehicular heatstroke (PVH) since 1998. Yet, all these deaths could have been prevented. Sadly, these are the statistics as of March 19, 2023 (<https://www.noheatstroke.org/index.htm>):

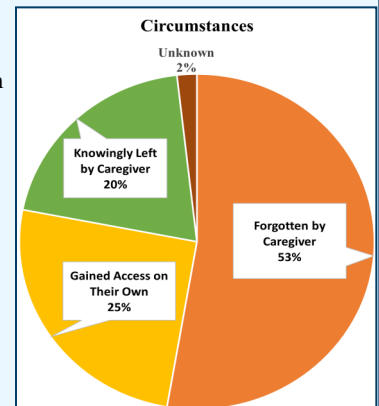


- Child heatstroke fatalities in 2023: 2
- Child heatstroke fatalities in 2022: 30
- Child heatstroke fatalities in 2021: 23 (lower than average mostly due to the pandemic)
- Child heatstroke fatalities in 2020: 25 (lower than average mostly due to the pandemic)
- Child heatstroke fatalities in 2019: 53
- Child heatstroke fatalities in 2018: 53
- Child heatstroke fatalities in 2017: 44
- National average of child heatstroke fatalities per year since 1998: 38



Heatstroke is the leading cause of non-traffic, non-crash-related fatalities for children 14 years of age and younger. From 1998 to December 31, 2022, a total of 937 children died due to vehicular heatstroke, with an average number of 37 deaths each year. The circumstances of these deaths fall into three main categories:

- **52.6%** of these tragedies occur when a **child is forgotten by a parent or caregiver** and left in a hot car.
 - In approximately half of these “forgotten” deaths, specifically, the child was on their way to childcare or preschool. A busy parent or caregiver may unintentionally forget that a rear-facing quiet or sleeping child is in the back of the vehicle. This most often occurs with children under one year of age.
Always remember to look before you lock. You could save a life.
- **25.3%** of toddlers and young children are also at risk, as they can **gain access into a vehicle without supervision.**
 - Some children gain access into a vehicle without the knowledge of an adult and may be unable to get out of the car, especially if child locks are activated. It is essential to teach children that it is dangerous to play in or around the car.
Parents should get into the habit of storing keys and fobs out of a child’s reach.
- **20.1%** of children are **left intentionally by parents** who do not understand the dangers of a hot vehicle, or who may not understand how quickly a vehicle can heat up to dangerous temperatures.
Never leave your child in a vehicle alone, not even for a minute.



High body temperature can cause permanent injury or even death:

- Heatstroke begins when the core body temperature reaches approximately 104° and the thermoregulatory system is overwhelmed. A core temperature of approximately 107° is lethal.
- Children are at a higher risk of dying from heatstroke in a hot vehicle than adults because their body temperature rises 3 to 5 times faster than an adult’s.
- The children most at-risk for heatstroke are those under 1 year, yet they make up 31% of heatstroke deaths.
- In 10 minutes, a car can heat up by as much as 20°. Rolling down a window does little to keep a vehicle cool.
- Heatstroke fatalities have occurred even in vehicles parked in shaded areas and when the outside air temperatures was 80° Fahrenheit or less.
- Summertime is the peak season for these tragic incidents, but heatstroke can occur in outdoor temperatures as low as 57°. The warning signs of heatstroke vary, but may include:
 - Red, hot, and moist or dry skin
 - Absent sweating, even though the child is warm
 - Strong rapid pulse or a slow weak pulse
 - Throbbing headache
 - Dizziness
 - Nausea
 - Confusion
 - Grouchiness or strange behavior

Remember these three things:

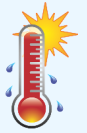
- NEVER leave a child in a vehicle unattended.
- Make it a habit to look in the back seat EVERY time you exit the car.
- ALWAYS lock the car and put the keys out of reach.

Additional Resources:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration – www.nhtsa.gov/heatstroke
 San Jose State University, Department of Meteorology & Climate Science – www.noheatstroke.org
 Safe Kids Worldwide - www.safekids.org
 National Safety Council – www.nsc.org
 For more information, visit www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/child-safety/heatstroke-prevention.

100% of heatstroke deaths of children in cars are preventable

In 10 minutes,
a car can heat up
20° Fahrenheit.



Estimated Vehicle Interior Air Temperature v. Elapsed Time

ELAPSED TIME	OUTSIDE Air Temperature					
	70	75	80	85	90	95
0 minutes	70	75	80	85	90	95
10 minutes	89	94	99	104	109	114
20 minutes	99	104	109	114	119	124
30 minutes	104	109	114	119	124	129
40 minutes	108	113	118	123	128	133
50 minutes	111	116	121	126	131	136
60 minutes	113	118	123	128	133	138

Courtesy Jan Null, CCM, Department of Meteorology & Climate Science, San Jose State University



2023 LATCH Manual



The 13th edition of the LATCH Manual for CPS Technicians working with caregivers provides guidance for the proper use of the LATCH system, including general advice and updated instructions from manufacturers about specific car seats and vehicles.

LATCH Manual Highlights:

Safe Ride News (SRN) released the 2023 edition of the LATCH Manual on January 1st, 2023. This edition includes updates to manufacturer instructions for use of lower anchors and tethers of some car seat products and vehicles. Information has been updated to reflect:

- Input from all major vehicle and car seat manufacturers, including brand- and model-specific information.
- Updated vehicle listings, including the addition of recent model year vehicles, as well as clarified and expanded usage notes.
- Retrofitting older vehicles with tether anchors that includes a supplement for vehicle manufacturer part numbers, availability, and other installation and use details.

Older editions of the manual are considered outdated and should not be relied on for use in the field. For each edition, Safe Ride News surveys manufacturers to obtain information on new products, and provides the opportunity to review and update information that was included in previous editions. During the manufacturer's review, brand-wide bullets get updated and model information is reviewed and sometimes updated as needed. So, though using an older edition to look up information for an older vehicle might not lead to referencing incorrect information, it could. Therefore, it is always prudent to use the most current edition of the LATCH Manual.

LATCH Manual FAQs:

Q: Information in an owner's manual seems different than what is printed in the LATCH Manual. What should I do?

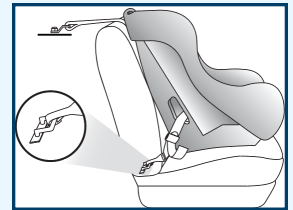
A: Typically, follow the owner's manual. However, the LATCH Manual provides manufacturers with an opportunity to print information that is an update or clarification to the printed owner's manual, so sometimes differences are intentional. Therefore, if the LATCH Manual press date is more recent than the information in the owner's manual, it should be okay to follow the information in the LATCH Manual. If in doubt, contact the manufacturer and/or SRN at info@saferideneews.com. (When information stated in the LATCH Manual differs from what is stated in the owner's manual, it is SRN's intention to also note that the LATCH Manual is an update to those instructions, so there is no confusion; if a discrepancy is found that the LATCH Manual does not clarify in this way, please notify SRN at info@saferideneews.com.)

Q: Do older vehicle models get dropped when compiling each new edition of the LATCH Manual?

A: No. Although some of the oldest vehicles in the LATCH Manual are now quite old, SRN knows that the public continues to use the older vehicles, so they are committed to continuing to provide the information families need to use those vehicles as safely as possible. Each year since then, new vehicles are added, but no older models are deleted.

Q: Where can I find the LATCH Manual CEU quiz?

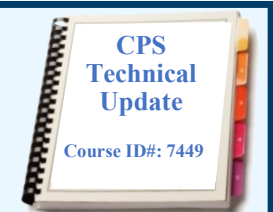
A: An open-book quiz on the current LATCH Manual that earns users 1 CEU can be found at www.saferideneews.com. Look under the CEU tab or the LATCH tab. (Beginning in 2023, a password, found on the inside of the manual's front cover, must be entered to take the online quiz.)



PA TIPP Child Passenger Safety Technical Update Classes: Please RSVP if Planning to Attend

Please contact TIPP if you are interested in hosting a CPS Technical Update class for CPS technicians in your area.

- CPS Technical Update is pre-approved for 6 CPS CEUs. Contact your TIPP regional coordinator to schedule a presentation and earn 6 CPS CEUs toward recertification.
- PA TIPP instructors are approved as Emergency Medical Services Continuing Education Providers. EMTs can receive 6 EMS continuing education credits for attending the class.



Crawford County

Date: April 4, 2023
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Meadville Fire Department
850 Park Avenue
Meadville, PA 16335
Contact: Mary Lakari
Phone: 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Union County

Date: April 5, 2023
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Evangelical Community Hospital
1 Hospital Drive
Lewisburg, PA 17837
Contact: Kelly Whitaker
Phone: 814-943-3360
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org

Delaware County:

Date: April 13, 2023
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Aston Fire Department
2900 Dutton Mill Road
Aston, PA 19014
Contact: Teresa Rychlak
Phone: 484-446-3036
Email: trychlak@paaap.org

York County

Date: April 25, 2023
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Center for Traffic Safety
2401 Pleasant Valley Road York,
PA 17402
Contact: Teresa Rychlak Phone:
484-446-3078
Email: trychlak@paaap.org

Montgomery County

Date: April 26, 2023
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Abington Township Annex
(Training Center)
2200 Florey Lane Abington, PA
19001
Contact: Teresa Rychlak Phone:
484-446-3078
Email: trychlak@paaap.org

Chester County

Date: May 11, 2023
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Longwood Fire Company
1001 E Baltimore Pike
Kennett Square, PA 19348
Contact: Teresa Rychlak Phone:
484-446-3078
Email: trychlak@paaap.org

Lycoming County

Date: May 11, 2023
Time: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
Montoursville Borough Bldg.
617 N. Loyalsock Avenue
Montoursville, PA 17754
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Additional Child Passenger Safety Technical Update Classes Listed on Page 4



1-800 CAR BELT
www.pakidstravelsafe.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 recertification 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 recertification. 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 <https://cert.safekids.org/resources-faqs/how-to>.

Certification Courses

Cumberland County
Course ID: 20230215224
Date: May 15 - 18, 2023
Time: 8:00 am—4:30 pm
Hampden Township Fire Station
295 S. Sporting Hill Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
Contact: Angela Mountz
afickesmoutz@pennstatehealth.psu.edu

Washington County*
Course ID: PA20230119113
Date: May 22 - 25, 2023
Time: 9:00 am—5:00 pm
Peters Fire Dept
245 E McMurray Road
McMurray, PA 15317
Contact: Kristen Urso
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kurso@paaap.org
*Controlled Class - Contact lead instructor to determine if a seat is available.

Chester County
Course ID: PA20230321392
Date: June 8, 9, 12, 13, 2023
Time: 8:30 am—4:30 pm
Chester County Public Safety Training Campus
137 Modena Road
Coatesville, PA 19320
Contact: Lori McCloskey
Phone: 610-344-5557
Email: lmccloskey@chesco.org

Berks County*
Course ID: PA2023010312
Date: June 12 - 15, 2023
Time: 8:00 am—5:00 pm
AAA Reading Berks - Lower Level Classroom
920 Van Reed Road
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Contact: Sue Ernst
Phone: 610-374-4531 ext. 7117
Email: cgouker@aaardgberks.com
*Controlled Class - Contact lead instructor to determine if a seat is available.

Luzerne County*
Course ID: PA20230227287
Date: June 14 - 16, 2023
Time: 9:00 am—5:00 pm
McCarthy Tire
340 Kidder Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org
*Controlled Class - Contact lead instructor to determine if a seat is available.

Cumberland County
Course ID: 20230310344
Date: June 20 - 23, 2023
Time: 8:00 am—4:00 pm
Hampden Township EMS Building
1200 Good Hope Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
Contact: Shannon DePatto
sdepatto@pennstatehealth.psu.edu

Berks County*
Course ID: PA20230307335
Date: August 7 - 10, 2023
Time: 8:00 am—5:00 pm
AAA Reading Berks - Lower Level Classroom
920 Van Reed Road
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Contact: Sue Ernst
Phone: 610-374-4531 ext. 7117
Email: cgouker@aaardgberks.com
*Controlled Class - Contact lead instructor to determine if a seat is available.

Armstrong County*
Course ID: PA20230321391
Date: December 4 - 7, 2023
Time: 9:00 am—5:00 pm
Freeport Fire Dept
400 Market Street
Freeport, PA 16229
Contact: Kristen Urso
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kurso@paaap.org
*Controlled Class - Contact lead instructor to determine if a seat is available.



PA TIPP Child Passenger Safety Technical Update Classes: Please RSVP if Planning to Attend

Allegheny County
Date: May 11, 2023
Time: 10:00 am - 4 pm
Ross/West View EMS
5325 Perrysville Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15229
Contact: Kristen Urson
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kurso@paaap.org

Chester County
Date: June 21, 2023
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
West Whiteland Fire Company
227 Crest Avenue
Exton, PA 19341
Contact: Teresa Rychlak
Phone: 484-446-3078
Email: trychlak@paaap.org

Montour County
Date: June 29, 2023
Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Geisinger Children's Hospital
100 North Academy Avenue
Danville, PA 17821
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Berks County
Date: July 28, 2023
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
AAA Reading Berks - Lower Level Classroom
920 Van Reed Road
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Contact: Teresa Rychlak
Phone: 484-446-3078
Email: trychlak@paaap.org

Renewal Courses

Lackawanna County*
Course ID: 20230215226
Date: April 19, 2023
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Chinchilla, Hose Company
113 Shady Lane Road
South Abington Twp., PA 18411
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org
*Controlled Class - Contact lead instructor to determine if a seat is available.

Luzerne County*
Course ID: PA20230131166
Date: April 20, 2023
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Southside Fire Station
525 E. Broad Street
Hazelton, PA 18201
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org
*Controlled Class - Contact lead instructor to determine if a seat is available.

Luzerne County*
Course ID: PA20230215228
Date: April 21, 2023
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Wilkes-Barre South Fire Station
313 High Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org
*Controlled Class - Contact lead instructor to determine if a seat is available.

Erie County
Course ID: PA20230317369
Date: April 28, 2023
Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Perry Hi Way Hose Company
8281 Oliver Road
Erie, PA 16509
Contact: Mary Lakari
Phone 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Venango County
Course ID: PA20230322396
Date: June 7, 2023
Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
UPMC NW Seneca Place
3163 State Route 257
Seneca, PA 16346
Contact: Mary Lakari
Phone 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Berks County*
Course ID: PA20230307334
Date: July 14, 2023
Time: 9:00 am—5:00 pm
AAA Reading Berks - Lower Level Classroom
920 Van Reed Road
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Contact: Sue Ernst
Phone: 610-374-4531 ext. 7117
Email: cgouker@aaardgberks.com
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