

Child Passenger Safety Week

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK, September 18-24, 2022 raises awareness for the need to secure children as safely as possible—every trip, every time. The car seat check events scheduled throughout the week provide hands-on guidance on the correct selection, installation and use of the appropriate car seat, booster seat, or seat belt based on the child's age, weight, height, and developmental needs.



Every parent wants to protect their children and keep them safe. The 2022 Child Passenger Safety Week theme, **"The Road to Safety"**, highlights the importance of selecting a size-appropriate car seat for every child and using it correctly every time. Child Passenger Safety Week provides the opportunity to teach parents to make the correct choices to keep the entire family safe, because the consequences of a misused car seat can be devastating.

Child Safety Seat Key Statistics National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

- ◆ In passenger cars, car seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71% for infants and by 54% for toddlers. For infants and toddlers in light trucks, the corresponding reductions were 58% and 59%, respectively.
- ◆ Booster seats reduce the risk of nonfatal injuries by 45% among children ages 4 to 8 years old, when compared to a seat belt alone.
- ◆ Most parents are confident that they have correctly installed their child's car seat, but in many cases (46%), the seat has not been installed correctly.
- ◆ Restraint use among young children often depends upon the driver's seat belt use.
 - ◆ When the driver is buckled, children are restrained 92% of the time.
 - ◆ When the driver is not buckled, children are restrained about 68% of the time.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reported the following percentage of child fatalities, in 2020, who were unrestrained in passenger vehicles:

- ◆ 27% of children less than 1 year of age;
 - ◆ 33% of children who were 1 to 3 years of age;
 - ◆ 43% of children who were 4 to 7 years of age;
 - ◆ 40% of children who were 8 to 12 years of age;
 - ◆ 57% of children who were 13 to 14 years of age.
- (NHTSA Traffic Safety Facts: Children 2020 Data, April 2022)



Know the Facts!

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

In 2020, 604 child passenger vehicle occupants died in traffic crashes.

- ◆ More than a third (38%) of children who died while riding in passenger vehicles were unrestrained.
- ◆ Among children in passenger vehicles in 2020:
 - ◆ The 8 to 12 year old age group had the highest number of fatalities (216), and
 - ◆ The 4 to 7 year old age group had the second highest number of fatalities (207).

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Pennsylvania

- ◆ In Pennsylvania from 2016—2020, 83% of the children younger than age 4 who were involved in crashes and restrained in a car seat, sustained no injury. (2020 Pennsylvania Crash Facts and Statistics)
- ◆ Pennsylvania seat belt usage rate was 89.5% in 2021. National statistics show that for every one percent increase in seat belt usage, eight to twelve lives can be saved on the highways.



Pennsylvania 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-faq/how-to>.

CERTIFICATION COURSES

Lehigh County*

Course ID: PA20220701633
Date: Sept. 15 - 16, 19 - 20, 2022
Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Cetronia EMS
4300 Broadway
Allentown, PA 18104
Contact: Bill McQuilken
Phone: 610-402-9047
Email: William_d.mcquiken@lvhn.org
*Controlled class, email for information

Bucks County

Course ID: PA20220517509
Date: September 26 - 29, 2022
Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Yardley Makefield Fire Company
652 Stony Hill Road
Yardley, PA 19067
Contact: Teresa Rychlak
Phone: 484-446-3078
Email: trychlak@paaap.org

Allegheny County

Course ID: PA20220312319
Date: October 3 - 6, 2022
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Ohio Township Fire Department
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Contact: Kristen Urso
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kurso@paaap.org

Centre County*

Course ID: PA20220617594
Date: October 4 - 6, 2022
Time: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Spring Township Police Department
1309 Blanchard Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823
Contact: Kelly Whitaker
Phone: 814-943-3360
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org
*Controlled class, email for information

Erie County

Course ID: 20220624617
Date: Oct. 11-14, 2022
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



Montgomery County

Course ID: PA20220621603
Date: October 11 - 14, 2022
Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Volunteer Medical Service Corps of Lansdale
175 Medical Campus Drive
Lansdale, PA 19446
Contact: Teresa Rychlak
Phone: 484-446-3078
Email: trychlak@paaap.org

Adams County*

Course ID: 20220715686
Date: October 25 - 28, 2022
Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Adams County Emergency Services Training
230 Greenmyer Lane
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Contact: Missy Sweitzer
Phone: 717-840-2330
mmsweitzer@yorkcountypa.gov
*Controlled class, email for information

Luzerne County

Course ID: PA20220614581
Date: November 2 - 4, 2022
Time: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Southside Fire Station
525 E Broad Street
Hazleton, PA 18642
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Washington County*

Course ID: PA20220726702
Date: December 1 - 2, 9 - 10, 2022
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
South Strabane Fire Dept
172 Oak Spring Road
Washington, PA 15301
Contact: Kristen Urso
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kurso@paaap.org
*Controlled class, email for information



RENEWAL COURSES

Lycoming County

Course ID: PA20220805728
Date: September 7, 2022
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
PSP Montoursville
899 Cherry Street
Montoursville, PA 17754
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Warren County

Course ID: PA20220713681
Date: September 13, 2022
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Conewango Twp. Police Dept.
4 Fireman Street
Warren, PA 16365
Contact: Mary Lakari
Phone: 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Mercer County

Course ID: PA20220713680
Date: October 6, 2022
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Mercer County Office of Children and Youth Conference Room
8425 Sharon Mercer Road
Mercer, PA 16137
Contact: Mary Lakari
Phone: 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Blair County*

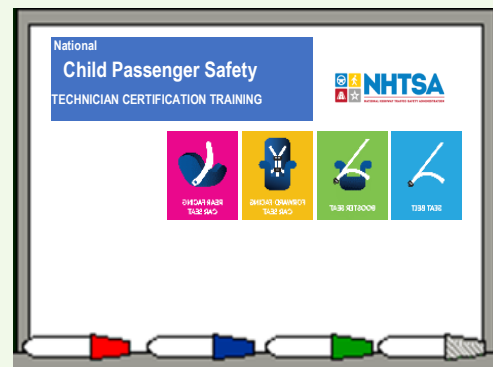
Course ID: PA20220622605
Date: October 11, 2022
Time: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
PSP Troop G
1510 North Juniata Street
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648
Contact: Kelly Whitaker
Phone: 814-943-3360
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org
*Controlled class, email for information

Luzerne County

Course ID: PA20220617593
Date: October 13, 2022
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
EMS of Northeast PA
169 Centerpoint Blvd.
Jenkins Township, PA 18640
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Bedford County*

Course ID: PA20220617595
Date: October 13, 2022
Time: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Cumberland Valley Fire Dept.
4344 Bedford Valley Road
Bedford, PA 15522
Contact: Kelly Whitaker
Phone: 814-943-3360
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org
*Controlled class, email for information



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 in your region 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 2019 edition of the PA TIPP technical update class.



Bradford County

Date: September 12, 2022
 Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Hampton Inn
 3080 Elmira Street
 Sayre PA 18840
 Contact: Cathy Connors
 Phone: 570-471-3026
 Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Luzerne County

Date: September 14, 2022
 Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
 Southside Fire Station
 525 E Broad Street
 Hazleton, PA 18201
 Contact: Cathy Connors
 Phone: 570-471-3026
 Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Mercer County

Date: October 3, 2022
 Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Superior Ambulance - Instructor
 Training Room
 921 E. Man Street
 Grove City, PA 16127
 Contact: Mary Lakari
 Phone: 814-838-9971
 Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Bucks County

Date: October 4, 2022
 Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Richland Township Police Dept.
 229 California Rd,
 Quakertown, PA 18951
 Contact: Teresa Rychlak
 Phone: 484-446-3078
 Email: trychlak@paaap.org

Centre County

Date: October 7, 2022
 Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Spring Township Police Dept.
 1309 Blanchard Street
 Bellefonte, PA 16823
 Contact: Kelly Whitaker
 Phone: 814-943-3360
 Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org

Erie County

Date: October 7, 2022
 Time : 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Perry Hi-Way Hose Company
 Training Room
 8281 Oliver Road
 Erie, PA 16509
 Contact: Mary Lakari
 Phone: 814-838-9971
 Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Allegheny County

Date: October 11, 2022
 Time: 9:00 am to 4:00pm
 Wilkins Township
 Community Center Auditorium
 110 Peffer Road
 Turtle Creek, PA 15145
 Contact: Kristen Urso
 Phone: 412-885-0266
 Email: kurso@paaap.org

Venango County

Date: October 17, 2022
 Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 UPMC NW Seneca Place
 3163 State Route 257
 Seneca, PA 16346
 Contact: Mary Lakari
 Phone: 814-838-9971
 Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Luzerne County

Date: October 20, 2022
 Time: 9:30 am - 3:30pm
 EMS of Northeast PA
 169 Centerpoint Blvd
 Jenkins Township, PA 18640
 Contact: Cathy Connors
 Phone: 570-471-3026
 Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Cambria County

Date: October 21, 2022
 Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Greater Johnstown School District
 222 Central Avenue
 Johnstown, PA 15902
 Contact: Kelly Whitaker
 Phone: 814-943-3360
 Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org

Adams County

Date: October 24, 2022
 Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Adams County Dept of EMS
 (i.e. 911 Bldg.)
 230 Greenmyer Lane
 Gettysburg PA 17325
 Contact: Kelly Whitaker
 Phone: 814-943-3360
 Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org

Washington County

Date: November 2, 2022
 Time: 9:00 am to 4:00pm
 Peter's Township Fire Dept
 245 E McMurray Road
 McMurray, PA 15317
 Contact: Kristen Urso
 Phone: 412-885-0266
 Email: kurso@paaap.org

Westmoreland County

December 13, 2022
 9:00 am to 4:00pm
 Greensburg TBD
 Contact: Kristen Urso
 Phone: 412-885-0266
 Email: kurso@paaap.org

Allegheny County

January 18, 2023
 9:00 am to 4:00pm
 Wexford Fire Department, Station 1
 228 N. Chapel Drive
 Wexford, PA 15090
 Contact: Kristen Urso
 Phone: 412-885-0266
 Email: kurso@paaap.org

Lebanon County

Date: March 15, 2023
 Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 South Londonderry Township
 Police Department
 27 West Market Street,
 Palmyra, PA 17078
 Contact: Teresa Rychlak
 Phone: 484-446-3078
 Email: trychlak@paaap.org

CPS TECHNICIAN (CPST) RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (Every 2 years)

Basic Requirement:

- **CPS technical continuing education (CEUs)**
 - 6 hours of CPS technical CEUs must be obtained and reported during the current certification cycle.
 - Enter CEUs at any time during the certification cycle.



- **Five seat checks:** These may be done at any time during your certification cycle. Seat checks are entered online AND approved by an instructor or technician proxy.
 1. RF only child safety seat
 2. RF convertible seat
 3. FF car seat with harness
 4. Belt-positioning booster
 5. Installation with LATCH



- **Community Education (Choose one)**
 - Participate in one two-hour check up event with at least one other CPST.
 - Provide 4 hours of community education. (Examples: present to parents, educators, children, agencies).
 - Attend a one hour educational session. (Examples: how to better reach community members or underserved communities, improve communication skills, instructor development).
 - In-person or online.

- **Register and pay fee by the certification expiration date.**
 - CPSTs and ICs: \$55.00
 - Instructors: \$60.00
 - As part of ongoing quality assurance, you may be randomly selected for a CEU audit. Keep proof of content and completion of CEUs handy for three months after you recertify. You can monitor your audit status in your online profile.

INSTRUCTORS: In addition to the above requirements, you must also earn 20 teaching hours of CPS course instruction.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Go To www.cert.safekids.org