

Child Passenger Safety Week

2023

Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death and injury for children. According to national data, 46% of car seats are misused. Research shows that children are being placed in the wrong car seat for their age and size and the car seat is being installed improperly. Sadly, two children under 13 years of age were killed every day in 2021 while riding in vehicles, and it is estimated that another 318 were injured.



CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK, September 17-23, 2023, is a time to encourage parents to make sure children are in the right car seat and that it is being used correctly—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, belt-positioning booster seat, or seat belt based on the child's age, weight, height, and developmental needs.

The 2023 Child Passenger Safety Week theme, **“Car Seat Safety Comes in Many Shapes and Sizes”**, highlights the importance of selecting a size-appropriate car seat for every child and using it correctly every time. Most parents think they are using their car seats correctly to protect their children and keep them safe. Child Passenger safety week is the time to check that children are as safe as possible when they are riding in a vehicle.

Know the Facts!

In 2021, 710 child passenger vehicle occupants under 13 years of age died in cars, SUVs, pickup trucks, and vans.

- ◆ More than a third (36%) of children who died while riding in passenger vehicles were unrestrained.
- ◆ Among children in passenger vehicles in 2021:
 - ◆ The 4- to 7-year-old age group had the highest number of fatalities (246), and
 - ◆ The 8- to 12-year-old age group had the second highest number of fatalities (241).
- ◆ In Pennsylvania, from 2018 to 2022, 83% of the children younger than age 4 who were involved in crashes and restrained in a car seat, sustained no injury.

2022 Pennsylvania Crash Facts and Statistics

- ◆ Pennsylvania seat belt usage rate was nearly 90% in 2022. National statistics show that for every one % increase in seat belt usage, eight to twelve lives can be saved on the highways.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2021, 40%* of child passenger vehicle occupants killed while riding in a passenger vehicle were unrestrained.

- ◆ 34% of children less than 1 year of age;
- ◆ 27% of children who were 1 to 3 years of age;
- ◆ 41% of children who were 4 to 7 years of age;
- ◆ 36% of children who were 8 to 12 years of age;
- ◆ 59% of children who were 13 to 14 years of age.

*Percent based on known child restraint use.

(NHTSA Traffic Safety Facts: Children 2021 Data, May 2023)

They Count on You



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: PA20230519559
Date: Oct 12-13 & Oct 16 -17
Time: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Northern Valley EMS
2375 Levans Road
Coplay, PA 18037
Contact: Jonathan Roth
Phone: 610-972-5883
Email: jroth@lehightownship.com

Centre County

Course ID: PA20230601598
Date: Oct 17-19, 2023
Time: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Ferguson Twp. Police Department
3147 Research Drive
State College, PA 16801
Contact: Kelly Whitaker
Phone: 814-943-3360
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org
*Controlled Class - Contact lead instructor before registering for class.

Franklin County

Course ID: PA20230711713
Date: Oct 23-26, 2023
Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
be Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department
101 West Main Street
Fayetteville, PA
Contact: Matt Frampton
Phone: 717-766-1616 ext. 104
Email: mframpton@atspa.org

Luzerne County

Course ID: PA20230706696
Date: October 17-19, 2023
Time: 9am to 5pm
Motorworld Mitsubishi
150 Motorworld Drive
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

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 before registering for class.

Washington County*

Course ID: PA20230523569
Date: Feb 20-23, 2024
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
North Strabane Fire Dept
830 Thomas 84 road
Eighty Four, PA 15330
Contact: Kristen Urso
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kurso@paaap.org
*Controlled Class - Contact lead instructor before registering for class.

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.

Lancaster County

Date: September 13, 2023
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Women & Babies Hospital
690 Good Drive
Lancaster, PA 17601
Contact: Teresa Rychlak
Phone: 484-446-3078
Email: trychlak@paaap.org

Bucks County

Date: September 14, 2023
9:00am-3:00pm
Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad
140 Township Rd.
Richboro, PA 18954
Contact: Teresa Rychlak
Phone: 484-446-3078
Email: trychlak@paaap.org

Erie County

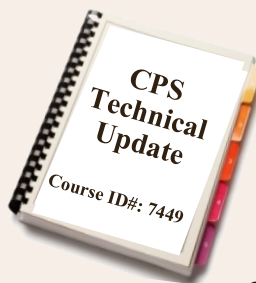
Date: October 2, 2023
Time : 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Edinboro Fire Department
125 Meadville Street
Edinboro, PA 16412
Contact: Mary Lakari
Phone: 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Westmoreland County

Date: October 2, 2023
Time: 9am-3pm
Penn Twp Ambulance Rescue 6
1030 Sandy Hill Road
Irwin, PA 15642
Contact: Kristen Urso
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kurso@paaap.org

Bedford County

Date: October 3, 2023
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Bedford Municipal Building
244 West Penn Street
Bedford PA 15522
Contact: Kelly Whitaker
Phone: 814-943-3360
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org



Venango County

Date: October 3, 2023
Time : 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
UPMC Seneca Place
3163 State Route 257
Seneca, PA 16346
Contact: Mary Lakari
Phone: 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Lackawanna County

Date: October 4, 2023
Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
AAA North Penn Member Services
941 Viewmont Drive
Scranton, PA 18519
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Mercer County

Date: October 5, 2023
Time : 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Superior Ambulance Training Center
921 E. Main Street
Grove City, PA 16127
Contact: Mary Lakari
Phone: 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org



Luzerne County

Date: October 6, 2023
Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Back Mountain Regional Fire Dept
3593 PA-118
Dallas, PA 18612
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Washington County

Date: October 17, 2023
Time: 9am-3pm
Canton Twp FD
2684 Jefferson Ave
Washington, PA 15301
Contact: Kristen Urso
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kurso@paaap.org

Lehigh County

Date: October 18, 2023
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Northern Valley EMS
2375 Levans Road
Coplay, PA 18037
Contact: Teresa Rychlak
Phone: 484-446-3078
Email: trychlak@paaap.org

Centre County

Date: October 20, 2023
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Ferguson Twp. Police Department
3147 Research Drive
State College, PA 16801
Contact: Kelly Whitaker
Phone: 814-943-3360
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org



Renewal Courses

Lackawanna County

Course ID: PA20230711709
Date: September 14, 2023
Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Cottage Hose Ambulance
2 Greenfield Road
Carbondale, PA 18407
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone (570) 471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Lackawanna County

Course ID: PA2023071172
Date: October 12, 2023
Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Pennsylvania Ambulance
1000 Remington Avenue
Scranton, PA 18505
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone (570) 471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Luzerne County

Course ID: PA20230706695
Date: November 2, 2023
Time: 9:00 am to 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