

CPS NEWS

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK & SEAT CHECK SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20 - 26, 2026

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September 20-26, 2026
- 2027 TIPP Child Passenger Safety Technical Update Class
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Don't sit this one out — make safety part of your starting lineup.

Every parent and caregiver wants their child to have a winning future, and every champion starts with the right foundation. Safety starts with the right seat used correctly during every trip and every ride. Correctly using the right car seat, booster seat or lap and shoulder seat belt is one of the most effective ways to keep children safe.

2026 Child Passenger Safety Week:

https://pakidstravelsafe.org/cps_resources/child-passenger-safety-week-2026/

- 2026 CPS Week Planner
- Website and Video Links provided in the 2026 CPS Week Planner

REAR-FACING CAR SEATS

Children should ride rear-facing until at least 2 years of age or until they outgrow their rear-facing car seat by height or weight.

Why Rear-Facing?

- A rear-facing car seat spreads the crash forces across a child's back and the back of the car seat, protecting the child's head, neck, and spine.

Infant Car Seat

- This car seat offers convenience for moving the car seat from the car to the stroller.
- Must meet all the steps in the video.
- Placed rear-facing in the vehicle.
- Placed rear-facing in the stroller.

Convertible Car Seat

- This car seat converts to a forward-facing car seat.
- Must meet all the steps in the video.
- Placed rear-facing in the vehicle.
- Placed rear-facing in the stroller.

FORWARD-FACING CAR SEATS

Children should ride forward-facing when they are over 2 years of age and have outgrown the weight or height limits of the rear-facing car seat.

Types of Forward-Facing Car Seats

- Harness-Only:**
 - Placed in the vehicle.
 - Placed in the stroller.
- Booster Seat:**
 - Placed in the vehicle.
 - Placed in the stroller.

Harness Adjustment

- Tighten the harness so it is snug with no slack.
- Child's chest should be at or below the harness level.
- Child's head should be at or below the harness level.

Installation Tips

- Use the correct installation method for the car seat.
- Use the correct installation method for the vehicle.
- Use the correct installation method for the stroller.

BOOSTER SEATS

Children ride in booster seats once they outgrow the weight or height limits of the forward-facing car seat and are at least 4 years of age and older.

Why use a booster seat?

- Booster seats raise the risk of injury by 45% among children ages 4 to 8 years old who are not in a booster seat.
- Booster seats are designed for adults.
- Booster seats position a child so the vehicle seat belt fits correctly over the child's body.

Types of Booster Seats

- High Back:**
 - Supports the child's head, neck, and spine and provides side-impact protection.
 - Must use the booster seat's top tether.
- Backless:**
 - Do not use the booster seat's top tether.
 - Do not use the booster seat's top tether.

Seat Belt Adjustment

- Shoulder belt lays across the center of the chest.
- Two belt lays across the upper thighs.
- Never across the stomach.
- Child sits without slouching.
- Requires a top ABS shoulder belt.

Installation Tips

- Children under 13 must sit in the back seat.
- Always follow the car seat's weight and height requirements.
- Never: Have a child alone in the car.

Backless Booster

- Do not use the booster seat's top tether.
- Do not use the booster seat's top tether.

SEAT BELT READINESS GUIDE

MOVING FROM A BOOSTER SEAT TO A SEAT BELT

Must say YES to ALL FIVE.

- Child's back is against the vehicle seat.
- Child's knees bend at the front edge of the vehicle seat and feet are on the floor.
- Shoulder belt lays across the center of the shoulder and the center of the chest.
- Lap belt lays across the upper thighs.
- Child can remain in the correctly seated position for the entire trip.

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2027 Child Passenger Safety Update Class

Section Highlights:

- **Section 1: On the Road Ahead: Trends and Innovations in Child Passenger Safety**
 - Explore advancements in vehicle technology, child restraints, and consumer trends. Learn how emerging innovations impact child passenger safety.
- **Section 2: What's New? Exploring the Latest Car Seats and their Special Features**
 - Explore the newest child restraints, including rotating seats and new brands. Review installation differences and manufacturer guidance.
- **Section 3: Crash Case Insights: Lessons Learned from Child Injury Investigations**
 - Analyze real Pennsylvania crash investigations to identify key injury prevention lessons. Strengthen caregiver education using real-world cases.
- **Section 4: Mission Possible: Crack the Code for CPS Safety - Truck Edition**
 - Work through an interactive team challenge using realistic pickup truck scenarios. Apply CPS knowledge, problem-solving, and caregiver education skills.
- **Section 5: Buckle Up Blunders & TIPP Trivia**
 - Explore recent FMVSS updates and real-world misuse cases to improve technician troubleshooting. Play an interactive trivia game to test knowledge of new advancements.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

PA TIPP CPS TECHNICAL UPDATE

COURSE ID# 8502

Name: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____

ATTENDED THE UPDATE CLASS AT: _____

SECTION 1 - 1.5 CEUs ON THE ROAD AHEAD: Trends and Innovations in Child Passenger Safety

SECTION 2 - 1.5 CEUs Exploring the Latest Car Seats and their Special Features

SECTION 3 - 1.5 CEUs CRASH CASE INSIGHTS: Lessons Learned from Child Injury Investigations

SECTION 4 - 1.5 CEUs MISSION POSSIBLE: TRUCK EDITION CPS Safety Scenarios Challenge

SECTION 5 - 1.5 CEUs BUCKLE UP! UNDER THE TRIP TRUCK: Exploring the Latest Car Seats and their Special Features

TOTAL CEUs EARNED: _____

CPS INSTRUCTOR NAME AND ID# _____

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1-800-CAR-BELT

Child Passenger Safety Trainings

Certification Courses

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.

Cumberland County

Course ID: PA20260122116
Date: September 15 - 18, 2026
Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Hampden Township Fire Department
1200 Good Hope Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
Contact: Shannon Depatto
Phone: 717-982-7402
Email: afickesmountz@pennstatehealth.psu.edu

York County*

Course ID: PA20260204153
Date: October 6 - 9, 2026
Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Southeastern Adams Volunteer
Emergency Services (SAVES)
5865 Hanover Road
Hanover, PA 17331
Contact: Missy Sweitzer
Phone: 717-840-2330
Email: mmsweitzer@yorkcountypa.gov
*Controlled class: Contact lead instructor before registering for class.

Indiana County*

Course ID: PA20260312318
Date: October 14 - 16, 2026
Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Citizen's Ambulance Service
2712 W. Pike Road
Indiana, PA 15701
Contact: Kristen Urso
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kurso@paaap.org
*Controlled class: Contact lead instructor before registering for class.

Luzerne County*

Course ID: PA20260722694
Date: October 20 - 22, 2026
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Fairview Township Municipal Building
65 Shadytree Drive
Mountaintop, PA 18707
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 484-446-3017
Email: cconnors@paaap.org
*Controlled class: Contact lead instructor before registering for class.

Cumberland County

Course ID: PA20260122117
Date: October 20 - 23, 2026
Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Hampden Township Fire Department
1200 Good Hope Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
Contact: Angela Mountz
Phone: 717-982-7402
Email: afickesmountz@pennstatehealth.psu.edu

Lackawanna County*

Course ID: PA20260723699
Date: November 17 - 19, 2026
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Pennsylvania Ambulance
1000 Remington Avenue
Scranton, PA 18505
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 484-446-3017
Email: cconnors@paaap.org
*Controlled class: Contact lead instructor before registering for class.

Washington County*

Course ID: PA20260313320
Date: December 7 - 10, 2026
Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Peters Fire Department
245 E. McMurray Road
McMurray, PA 15317
Contact: Kristen Urso
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kurso@paaap.org
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Renewal Courses

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.

Crawford County

Course ID: PA2026087739
Date: November 9, 2026
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
PSP Northwest Training Center
195 Valleyview Drive
Meadville, PA 16335
Contact: Jill Staaf
Phone: 814-434-5101
Email: jstaaf@paaap.org

Lackawanna County*

Course ID: PA20260730711
Date: November 10, 2026
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Serrenti Memorial Army Reserve
Center
1801 Pine Street
Scranton, PA 18510
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 484-446-3017
Email: cconnors@paaap.org
*Controlled class: Contact lead instructor before registering for class.

Washington County*

Course ID: PA20260313321
Date: December 15, 2026
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Peters Fire Department
245 E. McMurray Road
McMurray, PA 15317
Contact: Kristen Urso
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kurso@paaap.org
*Controlled class: Contact lead instructor before registering for class.



Parents and caregivers can model safety for their children. Research shows there is a strong correlation between caregivers who buckle up and their child passengers' seat belt use. In 2024, based on known restraint use:

- 71% of children were restrained when the driver was buckled.
- 35% of children were restrained when the driver was not buckled.



PA TIPP Child Passenger Safety Technical Update Classes

Class is approved for 6 CEUs toward CPS Recertification. Contact your TIPP regional coordinator if you are interested in hosting or attending a CPS Technical Update.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend one of the following courses.

Lancaster County

Date: September 22, 2026
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Women and Babies Hospital
690 Good Drive
Lancaster, PA 17601
Contact: Teresa Rychlak
Phone: 484-446-3019
Email: trychlak@paaap.org
Register to attend:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/cps-update-classes-103649>

Allegheny County

Date: October 1, 2026
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Ohio Township Fire
Department
1520 Roosevelt Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Contact: Kristen Urso
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kurso@paaap.org
Register to attend:
<https://forms.office.com/g/Jhpe9Bj6Ts>

Adams County

Date: October 5, 2026
Time: 10:00 am - 4:30 pm
Southeastern Adams Volunteer
Emergency Services (SAVES)
5865 Hanover Road
Hanover, PA 17331
Contact: Kelly Whitaker
Phone: 814-937-1692
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org

Lycoming County

Date: October 6, 2026
Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Montoursville Municipal Building
617 N. Loyalsock Avenue
Montoursville, PA 17754
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 484-446-3017
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Centre County

Date: October 13, 2026
Time: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Bellefonte Borough
236 W. Lamb Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823
Contact: Kelly Whitaker
Phone: 814-937-1692
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org

Wayne County

Date: October 14, 2026
Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Wayne Economic Development Corp
32 Commerce Street
Honesdale, PA 18431
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 484-446-3017
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Cambria County

Date: October 15, 2026
Time: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Richland Township Police Department
322 School House Road
Johnstown, PA 15904
Contact: Kelly Whitaker
Phone: 814-937-1692
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org

Franklin County

Date: October 20, 2026
Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Waynesboro EMS
603 West Main Street
Waynesboro, PA 17268
Contact: Kelly Whitaker
Phone: 814-937-1692
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org

Luzerne County

Date: November 5, 2026
Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
EMS of Northeastern PA
169 Centerpoint Boulevard
Jenkins Township, PA 18640
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 484-446-3017
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Centre County

Date: November 6, 2026
Time: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Morris Township Volunteer Fire
72 Glendale Avenue
Morrisdale, PA 16858
Contact: Kelly Whitaker
Phone: 814-937-1692
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org

Crawford County

Date: November 10, 2026
Time: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
PSP Northwest Training Center
195 Valleyview Drive
Meadville, PA 16335
Contact: Jill Staaf
Phone: 814-434-5101
Email: jstaaf@paaap.org

Allegheny County

Date: November 20, 2026
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Pleasant Hills Police Department
410 E. Bruceton
Pittsburgh, PA 15236
Contact: Kristen Urso
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kurso@paaap.org
Register to attend:
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