

CPS NEWS

POINTS OF INTEREST

- NHTSA Traffic Safety Facts: Children (5/2024)
- IMMI Introduces Lil' Caddie Child Positioner for Golf Carts
- Installing Rotating Car Seats / Check the Instructions Because Every Car Seat Is Different
- Upcoming CPS Trainings
- Recertification Requirements (2-Year Certification Cycle)

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Children

Key Findings:

- An average of 3 children were killed and an estimated 429 children were injured every day in traffic crashes in 2022.
- In 2022, 25,420 passenger vehicle occupants were killed in traffic crashes in the United States.
- Child Fatalities for children 14 years of age and younger: 756 (3%)
 - Restraint use was known for 675 children: 266 (39%) were unrestrained.
 - **Infants under 1 year old:** 27% were unrestrained.
 - **Children 1 to 3 years old:** 26% were unrestrained.
 - **Children 4 to 7 years old:** 34% were unrestrained.
 - **Children 8 to 12 years old:** 43% were unrestrained.
 - **Children 13 to 14 years old:** 58% were unrestrained.
- In 2022, based on known restraint use:
 - When the drivers were restrained, 73 percent of the children were restrained.
 - When the drivers were unrestrained, 68 percent of the children were also unrestrained.

Table 1. Passenger Vehicle Occupants Involved in Fatal Traffic Crashes, by Survival Status, Age Group, and Restraint Use, 2022

| Survival Status/Age Group | | Restraint Use | | | | | | Total | | Percent Based on Known Restraint Use | |
|---------------------------|--------|---------------|---------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| | | Restrained | | Unrestrained | | Unknown | | | | | |
| | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Restrained | Unrestrained |
| Killed | <1 | 45 | 69% | 17 | 26% | 3 | 5% | 65 | 100% | 73% | 27% |
| | 1–3 | 93 | 68% | 33 | 24% | 11 | 8% | 137 | 100% | 74% | 26% |
| | 4–7 | 98 | 57% | 51 | 30% | 22 | 13% | 171 | 100% | 66% | 34% |
| | 8–12 | 118 | 52% | 88 | 39% | 20 | 9% | 226 | 100% | 57% | 43% |
| | 13–14 | 55 | 35% | 77 | 49% | 25 | 16% | 157 | 100% | 42% | 58% |
| | <15 | 409 | 54% | 266 | 35% | 81 | 11% | 756 | 100% | 61% | 39% |
| | 15–20 | 974 | 37% | 1,347 | 51% | 303 | 12% | 2,624 | 100% | 42% | 58% |
| | 21+ | 10,001 | 46% | 9,675 | 44% | 2,301 | 10% | 21,977 | 100% | 51% | 49% |
| | Total* | 11,410 | 45% | 11,302 | 44% | 2,708 | 11% | 25,420 | 100% | 50% | 50% |

Important Safety Reminders

- As children grow, so do their restraint types (rear-facing, forward-facing, booster seat, or seat belt). Always use the one that fits your child's current age and size.
- Every car and every car seat or booster seat has different installation instructions. Always read both the car seat instructions and the vehicle owner's manual.
- Children in rear-facing car seats should never be placed in front of an active passenger-side air bag.
- Use the lower anchors and tether, or the seat belt and tether when installing forward-facing seats.
- Register your car seat or booster seat so you can be notified in the event of a safety recall.
- Plan for using car seats or booster seats when traveling and riding in a taxi or ride-share vehicle.
- Keep children in the back seat until at least age 13. It's the safest place to ride.

— NHTSA's Research and Program Development

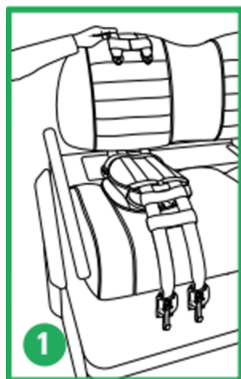
For the full report go to <https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/813575>.

IMMI Introduces Lil' Caddie Child Positioner for Golf Carts

Easy-to-use and the best option to keep a child secure while riding in a golf cart. This seat is not a seat belt or child restraint. It is a positioning device.

- Use only with golf carts that are Low Speed Vehicles (LSV).
- Child Weight: Between 22 and 85 pounds
- Child Height: Between 36 and 50.4 inches
- Child Age: At least 2 years of age

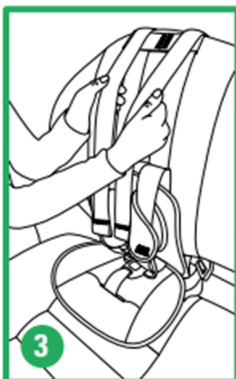
NEW!



Place on golf cart seat and wrap webbing straps around seat back.



Connect the seat wrap webbing straps & rotate assembly to the back of the seat.



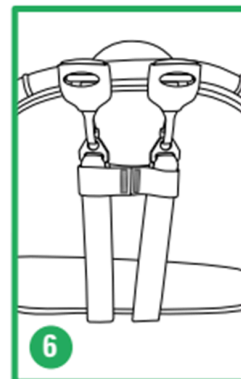
Pull the seat wrap strap adjusters to tighten both straps.



Positioner seat wrap straps should move less than one-inch from side-to-side.



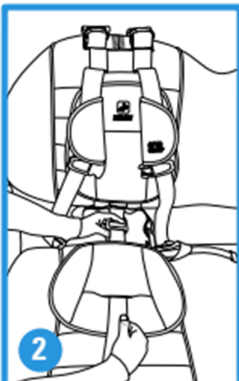
Secure the free ends of the left and right seat wrap straps with the hook and loop strap keepers.



Position of webbing straps on the back of the seat once the installation is complete.



Push the harness adjuster button and pull up on the shoulder strap to loosen straps. Open chest clip and unbuckle.



Lay buckle forward and lengthen buckle strap to the longest position.



Seat child with the back against the positioner back pad. Position back pad so the shoulder straps exit at or just above the shoulder. Buckle the 5 point harness.



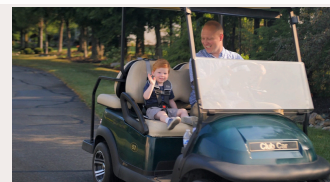
Evaluate buckle position and adjust as needed. Pull free strap on the side of each leg to tighten harness snugly. Fasten chest clip at armpit level.



An installation video can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XIYXp7Wtzo>

The instruction manual is available at <https://www.buyimmi.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Lil-Caddie-Instruction-Manual-Phone-Layout-8017P-8.10.22.pdf>

Lil' Caddie Child Positioner is available on BuyIMMI.com



Installing Rotating Car Seats

Check the Instructions Because Every Car Seat Is Different

Rotating car seats, also known as swivel or turn car seats, are designed to rotate 180° or 360°. This feature allows parents to face their children directly, making it easier to secure them into their car seat. Rotating car seats can also be beneficial for parents and caregivers of children with different physical abilities. The one thing that is true about the new emergence of rotating seats is that each one is different, has its own rules and stipulations for use. The one warning they all have in common is that the car seat should never be rotated or in a rotated position when the vehicle is in motion.

Always read and follow the car seat manufacturer instructions. Here are some features that you should check when working with a rotating car seat.

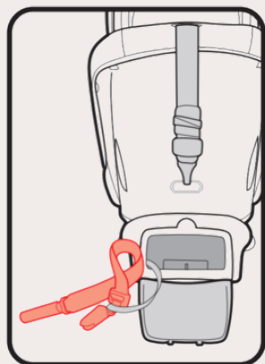
- **LATCH Weight Limits:** Rotating car seats are generally heavy and may have a lower anchor weight limit. Some manufacturers prefer the car seat be installed with a seat belt. Carefully look in the instructions to advise caregivers on the best way to install the rotating car seat.



- **Lock-Off or Belt Tensioning Device?:** Pay extra attention to the manufacturer's instructions about the installation. Some seats have a lock-off while others have a belt tensioning device. Always check the instructions to determine if you must lock the seat belt to complete the installation.

Evenflo Revolve 360 Slim
Must lock the seat belt

Baby Jogger City Turn
Do not lock the seat belt



- **Tether Use:** Check the instructions to determine if the tether is used for only forward-facing installations or if it can be used for both forward- and rear-facing installations. Some car seat instructions require the tether to be used. Seats with the tether attached to the base of the car seat will not interfere with rotating the car seat. Follow tether routing instructions provided in the car seat instructions.

Graco Turn2Me
3-in-1 Car Seat
Tether is used for FF & Booster

Nuna Revv
Convertible Car Seat
Always use the tether



- **Energy Management Features:** Car seats may include a load leg/stability leg, anti-rebound bar, and/or side-impact protection features to minimize the energy transfer to the child. Always check the car seat instructions to use these features correctly.
 - **Load Leg:** Minimizes crash force for a child in a frontal crash.
 - **Car Seat Instructions:** Determine if the load leg is required or recommended.
 - The load leg must be locked in position and have contact with the vehicle floor without lifting the car seat off of the vehicle seat.
 - If all requirements cannot be met the load leg should not be used.
 - **Vehicle Instructions:** Always check the vehicle manual to determine if the use of the load leg is permitted. The vehicle floor must be able to withstand the additional crash forces.
 - **Anti-Rebound Bar:** Limits rotation of the car seat in the event of a crash.
 - **Side-Impact Feature:** Reduces force on the child in the event of certain side impact crashes.
 - Review car seat instructions to determine if an adjustment is needed for the child to receive the maximum benefit of the side-impact protection feature.
 - **Example: Linear Side-Impact Protection System (LSP)**
 - Always use the LSP device on the side of the car seat in the vehicle seat next to the door or side panel.
 - Never use the LSP device when the car seat is placed in the rear middle seating position.
 - Never extend the LSP device toward a passenger or another car seat.



Cybex Sirona S
Convertible Car Seat
with Load Leg and
Linear Side Impact
Protection System

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.

Erie County

Course ID: PA20240403400
Dates: July 22 - 25, 2024
Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Edinboro Fire Department
125 Meadville Street
Edinboro, PA 16506
Contact: Mary LaKari
Phone: 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org
*Controlled class: Contact lead instructor before registering for class.

Butler County

Course ID: PA20240222252
Dates: September 25 - 28, 2024
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Cranberry Township Public Safety Training Center
1000 Maintenance Building Drive
Cranberry Township, PA 16066
Contact: Kristen Urso
Phone: 412-885-0233
Email: kurso@paaap.org
*Controlled class: Contact lead instructor before registering for class.

Centre County

Course ID: PA20240606571
Dates: October 15 - 17, 2024
Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Boalsburg Fire Department
113 East Pine Street
Boalsburg, PA 16827
Contact: Kelly Whitaker
Phone: 814-943-3360
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org
*Controlled class for law enforcement and medical personnel in Centre County and surrounding counties: Contact lead instructor before registering for class.

York County

Course ID: PA20240209191
Date: October 22 - 25, 2024
Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Southeastern Adams Volunteer Emergency Services
5865 Hanover Road
Hanover, PA 17331
Contact: Missy Sweitzer
Phone: 717-840-2330
Email: mmsweitzer@yorkcountypa.gov

Washington County

Course ID: PA20240221246
Date: December 9 - 12, 2024
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
*Controlled class: Contact lead instructor before registering for class.

Child Passenger Safety Instructors

In addition to other recertification requirements:

- 20-Hours teaching the CPS Certification Course and/or Certification Renewal Course

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.

Luzerne County

Course ID: PA20240604564
Date: July 10, 2024
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
AAA North Penn
941 Viewmont Drive
Scranton, PA 18519
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org
*Controlled class: Contact lead instructor before registering for class.

Coming
Soon

CPS Technician Certification Training is being revised.

The "Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training" course has been reviewed and updated. The revised manual will be available on the National Child Passenger Safety Board website in late 2024/early 2025. Stay up-to-date by reviewing the new Technician Guide when it is posted. The revised manual can be found on the website under the "Resources" tab.

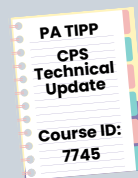


PA TIPP Child Passenger Safety Technical Update Classes

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

PA TIPP instructors are approved as Emergency Medical Services Continuing Education Providers. EMTs can receive 6 EMS continuing education credits for attending the class.

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



Chester County

Date: June 26, 2024
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
West Whiteland Fire Company
227 Crest Ave. Exton, PA 19341
Contact: Teresa Rychlak
Phone: 484-446-3078
Email: trychlak@paaap.org
(car seat check event after class)

Bradford County

Date: August 16, 2024
Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Hampton Inn
3080 Elmira Street
Sayre, PA 18840
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Lehigh County

Date: August 28, 2024
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Lehigh Valley Health Network
1243 South Cedar Crest Boulevard
Suite 303 - Parent and Family Education
Class Room A
Allentown, PA 18103
Contact: Teresa Rychlak
Phone: 484-446-3078
Email: trychlak@paaap.org

Jefferson County

Date: September 5, 2024
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Falls Creek Volunteer Fire Dept.
4 First Street
Falls Creek, PA 15840
Contact: Mary LaKari
Phone: 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Lancaster County

Date: September 10, 2024
Time: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Women & Babies Hospital
690 Good Drive
Lancaster, PA 17601
Contact: Teresa Rychlak
Phone: 484-446-3078
Email: trychlak@paaap.org
(car seat check event after class)

Bucks County

Date: September 13, 2024
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Bucks County Emergency Services
Training Center
1760 South Easton Road
Doylestown, PA 18901
Contact: Teresa Rychlak
Phone: 484-446-3078
Email: trychlak@paaap.org

Allegheny County

Date: October 8, 2024
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Wexford Fire Department
228 North Chapel Drive
Wexford, PA 15090
Contact: Kristen Urso
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kurso@paaap.org



PA TIPP
661 Moore Road
Suite 200
King of Prussia, PA 19406



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Recertification Requirements

CPST and CPSTI Recertification Requirements During 2-Year Certification Cycle

CPS Technical Continuing Education

- 6-Hours of CPS Technical Education: Presentation or presentations with CPS technical information
- Enter CEUs into profile on the CPS Certification site



Seat Check Verification

Seat checks observed by a CPST instructor or tech proxy and entered into profile on the CPS Certification site.

1. RF Only Car Seat
2. RF Convertible Car Seat
3. FF Car Seat with Harness
4. Belt-Positioning Booster
5. LATCH Installation

Community Education (Choose One)

- Participate in a 2-hour car seat check event with at least one other CPST
- Provide 4-hours of Community Education (Example: Present to parents, children, agencies)
- Attend a 1-hour educational session (In-Person or Online) Examples: Community outreach or outreach in underserved communities, improving communication skills

- **Recertification fee:** The recertification fee is \$55 for technicians and instructor candidates and \$60 for instructors. A detailed fee table is available on this website under Resources-FAQs/Fees.

- **Check your online profile** if you are not sure when your certification expires.

All recertification requirements, including paying the recertification fee, must be completed on or before the expiration date of your current certification cycle.

As part of ongoing quality assurance, CPSTIs and CPSTs are randomly selected for a CEU audit. Keep proof of educational content/attendance certificates meeting CEU completion for 3-months after your recertification date. Audit status can be monitored in your online profile.