

CPS NEWS



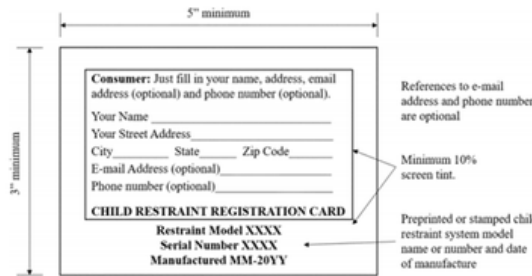
Changes to FMVSS 213

What you need to know...

In December 2023, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (“NHTSA”) announced it had finalized amendments to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (“FMVSS”) 213 regarding child restraint systems - CRS. This final rule updated requirements for the following:

- CRS owner registration program,
- Labeling requirements on correctly using child restraints,
- Requirements for add-on school bus-specific child restraint systems, and
- Provisions for NHTSA’s use of test dummies in NHTSA compliance tests.

These amendments were scheduled to become effective December 5, 2024.



- Registration Card attached to the car seat:
- Inform the owner of the importance of registering the child restraint system
- Instruct the owner how to register the CRS.
- Inform the purchaser that the registration card is pre-addressed, and that postage has been paid.
- May provide, if available, instructions to register the CRS electronically

This final rule added FMVSS 213b that updates the standard seat assembly that NHTSA uses for frontal crash tests of child restraint systems. The purpose of FMVSS 213b is to ensure continued effectiveness of child restraint systems in current and future vehicles. Compliance date for this requirement is December 5, 2026. FMVSS 213 will “sunset,” when FMVSS 2013b becomes mandatory in 2026. Early compliance is permitted.

NHTSA was petitioned to reconsider several provisions that were in this final rule. NHTSA did amend several provisions. The changes that were scheduled to comply with the standard on December 5, 2024, were extended to align with the compliance date for FMVSS 213a, for a single compliance date of June 30, 2025.

June 30, 2025, FMVSS 213 - Label and instructions will be updated as follows:

- **Minimum weight for forward-facing: 26.5 pounds**
 - Weight change will encourage caregivers to keep children rear-facing longer
- **Minimum weight for belt-positioning booster seat: 40 pounds**
 - Weight change will encourage caregivers to keep children rear-facing longer

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- New CPS Certification Curriculum
- TIPP Upcoming Trainings

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FMVSS 213a, - Side Impact Protection: June 30, 2025

Applies to child restraints designed for children up to 40 lbs. or 43.3". Car seats are tested with the following anthropomorphic crash test devices:

- CRABI 12-month-old dummy (Child Restraint and Airbag Interaction):
 - Used to test car seats for children from 11 lbs. - 30 lbs.
- Q3s ATD
 - Used to test car seats for children from 22 lbs. - 40 lbs.
- Test Requirements:

- Ensure the dummy stays inside the car seat
- Manage side crash forces
- Prevent harmful head contact with side structures
- Child restraints tested with Q3s must also limit crash forces to the chest
- Post crash, car seats are assessed to ensure compliance for system integrity, contactable surfaces, and buckle release.

FMVSS 213a

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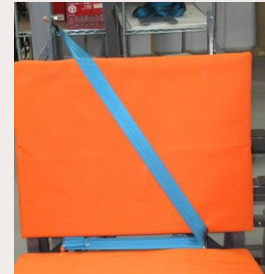
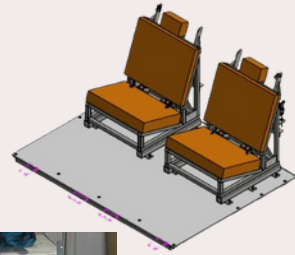


Changes to FMVSS 213b Bench Seat



FMVSS 213b makes changes to the crash test bench seat to better represent current vehicle back seat design. (December 5, 2026)

- New bench seat represents a single seating position
- 4" bottom cushion: Seat length is 16.2" and has stiff cushion that does not fully compress during compliance testing
- 2" back cushion: seat back height is 22.5"
- 3-point belt system to secure car seat
- Lap belts were removed from standard with final rule issued in Federal Register on 10/9/2024



So what do we tell parents?

The new FMVSS 213b requirements are a positive change in the evolution of crash testing. It does NOT mean that a car seat manufactured prior to this new standard is unsafe. It does NOT mean that parents need to buy a new car seat. A child correctly secured in a car seat that is appropriate for their age, weight, height, and developmental needs are safe in their car seat. Encourage parents to read and follow the car seat manufacturer's instructions and the vehicle owner's manual to correctly use and install their car seat on every trip, every time, and in every vehicle.

Blue Bird - Industry-First Standardization of Seat Belts, Driver Air Bag and Other Safety Features



Starting in the fall of 2024, Blue Bird began equipping new school buses with a series of features to enhance the safety of children and school bus drivers. For the first time in student transportation history, new Blue Bird buses are equipped with 3-point seat belts as standard protection for all student passengers.

Blue Bird implemented a series of improvements to increase the performance of their school bus and its safety on the road. To improve visibility for the bus driver and other motorists, Blue Bird adopted high-intensity LED lighting on the outside and inside of the school bus, high-resolution front and rear cameras, as well as lighted stop arms, lighted school bus signs, and strobe lights. Blue Bird also implemented high-tech systems to improve vehicle safety, by adding collision mitigation systems to the currently-standard electronic stability control (ESC).



Blue Bird Makes SafeGuard Sabre Seats Standard Safety Equipment on All Buses.



SafeGuard Sabre seats are designed with SmartFrame Plus Technology and TattleTale® indicators, providing superior protection by absorbing impact energy more effectively. The SafeGuard TattleTale Indicator reveals if SmartFrame Plus has deployed in a crash and the vehicle seat should be replaced.



SafeGuard Sabre offers a variety of seat back options to accommodate the unique needs of school-age students, including 3-point seat belts and integrated child seats.



PA Traffic Injury Prevention Project

Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training



Feb. 3, 2025 was the launch of the updated CPST Certification Training Curriculum. Resources are available at www.cpsboard.org. The resources reflect the changes that have been made to the training.

CPST Certification Training Resources

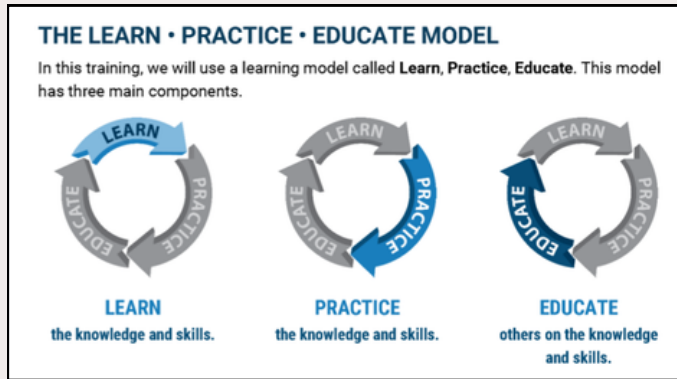


Technicians
The 2024 curriculum is now available!
Download the TG at cpsboard.org/curriculum-resources

- Download a copy of the 2024 Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training Technician Guide at <https://cdn.nsc.org/cpsboard/tech-guide-v2.1.pdf>.
 - Prefer to purchase a print copy of the 2024 Technician Guide? Print copies of the 2024 Technician Guide are available for purchase from Safe Kids Worldwide. The cost is \$25 each or \$20 each for three or more copies. The cost includes shipping in the U.S. Complete and submit the Technician Guide Order Form to cpscert@safekids.org.

2024 CPST Certification Training Curriculum Launch Information
cpsboard.org/2024-curriculum-launch

Access resources supporting the 2024 CPST curriculum at <https://www.cpsboard.org/trainings/2024-curriculum-resources/#using-new-skills>. The resources are divided by module and follows the layout in the Technician Guide.



- + Training Resources
- + Module 1: Introduction
- + Module 2: Communicating and Educating
- + Module 3: Crash Protection
- + Module 4: Seat Belt Systems
- + Module 5: Air Bags
- + Module 6: Lower Anchors and Tethers
- + Module 7: Overview of Car Seat and Booster Seat Use
- + Module 8: Rear-Facing Car Seats
- + Module 9: Forward-Facing Car Seats
- + Module 10: Booster Seats and Seat Belts
- + Module 11: Other Vehicles
- + Module 12: Using and Building Your New Skills

Instructor Corner:

- Safe Kids announced an online instructor course will be required for all instructors.
 - 1-hour in length / Earn 1 CPS CEU: Must be completed once each certification cycle.
 - Content includes: Policy & Procedures, current curriculum content, mentoring, and course administration.
- Note: The initial curriculum was updated in January and February 2025. Updated materials are available for download in Protected Instructor Materials. A list of updated materials is available at the top of the page for quick reference.
- Images for Skills Evaluation 3: The images for Skills Evaluation 3 are not included in the 2024 Technician Guide. High-quality image sets will be shipped out with the Technician Guides for each course. The image sets are designed to be reused. Instructors will have the opportunity to opt out of receiving image sets when registering future courses.
 - A reference copy of the images is available in the Skills Evaluation folder in the Protected Instructor Materials.



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.

Union County*

Course ID: PA20250311359
Dates: May 12 - 14, 2025
Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
WellSpan Urgent Care Conference Room
7095 Westbranch Highway
Lewisburg, PA 17837
Contact: Deanna Carson
Phone: 570-768-3201
Email: deanna.carson@evanhospital.com
*Controlled class: Contact lead instructor before registering for class.

York County*

Course ID: PA20250203192
Dates: June 24 - 27, 2025
Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Newberry Township Police Department
1895 Old Trail Road
Etters, PA 17319
Contact: Missy Sweitzer
Phone: 717-840-2330
Email: mmsweitzer@yorkcountypa.gov
*Controlled class: Contact lead instructor before registering for class.

Dauphin County

Course ID: PA202412301167
Dates: September 9-12, 2025
Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Paxtonia Fire Company
125 S Johnson Street
Harrisburg, PA 17112
Contact: Shannon Depatto
Phone: 717-531-7233
Email: sdepatto@pennstatehealth.psu.edu

Allegheny County*

Course ID: PA20250128161
Date: October 6 - 9, 2025
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Penn Hills EMS
102 Duff Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15235
Contact: Kristen Urso
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kurso@paaap.org
*Controlled class: Contact lead instructor before registering for class.

Cumberland County

Course ID: PA202412301168
Dates: October 14 - 17, 2025
Times: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Hampden Township Fire Station
1200 Good Hope Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
Contact: Shannon Depatto
Phone: 717-531-7233
Email: sdepatto@pennstatehealth.psu.edu

Allegheny County*

Course ID: PA20250128160
Date: December 8 - 11, 2025
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Ohio Township Volunteer Fire Company
1520 Roosevelt Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Contact: Kristen Urso
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kurso@paaap.org
*Controlled class: Contact lead instructor before registering for class.

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.

Lackawanna County*

Course ID: PA20250207217
Date: March 25, 2025
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Cottage Ambulance
2 Greenfield Road
Carbondale, PA 18407
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org
*Controlled class: Contact lead instructor before registering for class.

Washington County*

Course ID: PA20250203195
Date: May 16, 2025
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.

Lehigh County

Course ID: PA20250205198
Date: August 27, 2025
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
LVHN Parent Education Classroom
1243 S. Cedar Crest Boulevard
Suite 303
Allentown, PA 18103
Contact: Teresa Rychlak
Phone: 484-446-3036
Email: trychlak@paaap.org

PA TIPP
CPS
Technical
Update

Course ID:
7987

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.

Lackawanna County

Date: March 20, 2025
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

Monroe County

Date: May 13, 2025
Time: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Monroe County EMA
100 Gypsum Road
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Blair County

Date: March 24, 2025
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Pennsylvania State Police - Troop G
Juniata Street
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648
Contact: Kelly Whitaker
Phone - 814-937-1692 (text reservation)
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org

Washington County

Date: May 15, 2025
Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Peters Fire Department
245 E. McMurray Road
McMurray, PA 15317
Contact: Kristen Urso
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kurso@paaap.org

Centre County

Date: March 26, 2025
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Ferguson Township Police Department
3147 Research Drive
State College, PA 16801
Contact: Kelly Whitaker
Phone: 814-937-1692 (text reservation)
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org

Chester County

Date: June 18, 2025
West Whiteland Fire Company
227 Crest Ave
Exton, PA 19341
Contact: Teresa Rychlak
Phone: 484-446-3078
Email: trychlak@paaap.org

Luzerne County

Date: April 10, 2025
Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
LVHN EMS
119 E Holly Street
Hazleton, PA 18201
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Berks County

Date: June 26, 2025
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
AAA Reading-Berks
920 Van Reed Road
Reading, PA 19610
Contact: Teresa Rychlak
Phone: 484-446-3078
Email: trychlak@paaap.org

Montgomery County

Date: April 22, 2025
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Abington Township Public Safety Training Center
2200 Florey Lane
Abington, PA 19001
Contact: Teresa Rychlak
Phone: 484-446-3078
Email: trychlak@paaap.org

Lehigh County

Date: September 4, 2025
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Lehigh Valley Health Network
1243 S. Cedar Crest Boulevard
Suite 303 - Parent & Family Education Classroom A
Allentown, PA 18103
Contact: Teresa Rychlak
Phone: 484-446-3078
Email: trychlak@paaap.org

Where to find CEUs

CPSTs, during your two year certification cycle, you must earn 6 CEUs. This can be done at an in-person class or during online webinars or through newsletters.

Here are some options for you...



PA TIPP

www.pakidstravelsafe.org

For calendar of events with live update classes



SAFE KIDS

www.cert.safekids.org



CPS Board

www.cpsboard.org



Child Passenger Safety Learning Portal
<https://carseateducation.org/>

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661 Moore Road
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King of Prussia, PA 19406
www.pakidstravelsafe.org



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