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Traffic Injury Prevention Program

Focus Areas

- * Child Restraints
- * Safety Belts
- * Air Bags
- * Young Drivers
- * Transporting Students with Special Health Care Needs
- * Bicycle
- * Pedestrian
- * School Bus
- * Teen Occupants

Services

TIPP maintains the **1-800-CAR BELT** telephone line to respond to Pennsylvania inquires regarding transportation safety issues. Traffic safety information and resources are available at www.pakidstravelsafe.org.

Contact TIPP for questions on:

- * Recalled car seats
- * Child safety seat fitting stations/community events
- * Information on PA traffic laws
- * Correct use of child safety seats/LATCH
- * Scheduling educational programs
- * Information on Special Needs car seats
- * The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Standardized Child Passenger Safety Certification training
- * The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Standardized Child Passenger Safety Restraint Systems on School Buses training
- * Child Passenger Safety Renewal Classes
- * Child Passenger Safety Update Classes
- * Child Passenger Safety medical CME/CEU classes

Organization

Since 1984, the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics has operated the Traffic Injury Prevention Project (TIPP) under contract with PennDOT. TIPP plans and implements a comprehensive highway safety program providing educational trainings, technical assistance, and serves as a resource throughout Pennsylvania. TIPP provides the most up-to-date and accurate information available concerning traffic safety.

Resources Available

Video and Print Material

TIPP maintains a **FREE** lending library to make materials available to child care providers, health care professionals, teachers, police, and other organizations within Pennsylvania.

Materials

Educational materials developed by TIPP cover a range of traffic safety areas. These areas include: child passenger safety, air bag safety, school bus safety, transporting children with special health care needs, pedestrian safety, bicycle safety, youth driving safety.

Materials include Pennsylvania law regarding child passenger safety (car seats and seat belts), and best practice recommendations for keeping children safe in and around vehicles.

Loan Program

TIPP works closely with PennDOT to support the network of loan programs located across Pennsylvania. TIPP is available to provide educational programs and materials to assist families in selecting and using the appropriate car seat, booster seat, or seat belt. Fines collected from child passenger safety law violations are used to provide car seats to the loan programs.

Technical Assistance

TIPP maintain the state-wide "800" line to answer traffic safety questions. TIPP provides technical assistance to parents on transportation safety issues such as: Pennsylvania laws, car seat installation in passenger cars and school buses/vehicles, transporting children with special health care needs, pedestrian and bicycle safety rules of the road, fitting bicycle helmets, and other areas of traffic safety.

Training Programs Offered



When it comes to child passenger safety, TIPP is the lead agency in Pennsylvania. TIPP has six certified child passenger safety instructors on staff available to teach the NHTSA Standardized Child Passenger Safety Certification class and Technical Updates approved for CEUs toward CPS Re-certification. Staff is available to provide programs for medical professionals at hospitals and physician practices, law enforcement, and social service and community agencies.



TIPP has expertise in the field of school bus transportation. Staff are available to teach the NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Restraint Systems on School Buses National Training. Staff can provide trainings on transporting children safely for school districts, bus companies, intermediate units, and Head Start programs.



Children need to learn how to cross the street safely. TIPP provides training programs for pre-school and school age children on safe walking behaviors in traffic.



Bicycle derby being planned and need assistance? TIPP can help plan your next bicycle safety event, including setting up the event, working with community partners, and demonstrating how to properly fit a bicycle helmet.



Destructive decisions made by young, inexperienced drivers often lead to negative outcomes. TIPP can provide materials and educational programs for students on the dangers that impact teen drivers – not wearing a seat belt, graduated driver licensing, distracted driving, and safe driving practices.

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