

Prevention Tips

- All children 12 and under should be properly restrained in a back seat on every ride.
- Use vehicle owner's manual to identify where the airbags are located, and read the instructions about transporting children safely when airbags are present.
- Any child safety seat must be installed and used according to the manufacturer's instructions and vehicle owner's manual.
- Infants should ride in the rear-facing child safety seats as long as possible according to manufacturer's instructions. A minimum of 12 months old and 20 pounds.
- Children that weigh 20-40 pounds should be correctly secured in a forward facing child safety seat. Always use the safety seat tether for optimal protection.
- Children over 40 pounds should be correctly secured in a belt-positioning booster seat or other appropriate child restraint until the adult lap and shoulder safety belts fit correctly, approximately 4'9" and 80-100 pounds, usually between 8 and 12 years of age.
- Return product registration card provided for all new child safety seats to the manufacturer to ensure that you that you will be notified of any recalls. Check www.recalls.gov to inquire about any recalls or safety notices on child safety seats.
- Avoid purchasing safety seats from yard sales, flea markets, and second hand stores or when there is no known history of the seat.
- Always make sure that every occupant is properly restrained for every ride.

Additional Information

For additional information relating to the information contained in this brochure and if you are interested in other child safety information you may visit the websites below. Or if you are interested in becoming a CPS Technician you may visit the websites or contact Safe Kids at 1-877-366-8154.

Website and Links

Safe Kids USA
www.usa.safekids.org

The National Highway Transportation Safety Admin.
www.nhtsa.dot.gov

Consumer Recalls
www.recalls.gov

US Consumer Product Safety Commission
www.cpsc.gov



CPS Certification



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Who are we and what do we do?

Safe Kids is an Non-Profit Organization and a global network of organizations that was launched in 1988 whose mission is to prevent accidental childhood injury, of children 14 and under.

Safe Kids, in conjunction with The Chambersburg Fire Department and IAFF Local 1813 Members are bringing to you and your children the opportunity to have your child's safety seat inspected by Certified Child Safety Seat Technicians.

FACT!

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of unintentional childhood deaths and severe injury in the United States. 55% of the those who died resulted from the child being unrestrained.

Child Safety Seat.....What is it?

A Child Safety Seat isn't just a seat for your child to sit in while going for a joy-ride in the family car.....it is something more important than that!

A Child Safety Seat is a crash-tested device that is specially designed to provide infant/child crash protection.

What else is important to know is that each element of your child's safety seat is a critical factor to ensuring the safety of your child.



Safety Seat Statistics

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of injury death for children ages 1-14, and the second leading cause of injury death for children ages 0-1.
- Since 1990, there have been 164 fatal injuries to children related to airbags.
- Head and face injuries are the most common injury to children involved in a crash.
- Children ages 2-5 who are prematurely graduated to safety belts are four times more likely to suffer a serious head injury in a crash than those restrained in child safety seats or booster seats.
- In 2004, 50 percent of child occupants who were fatally injured in crashes were unrestrained.

Importance of Child Safety Seats

- Child safety seats reduce fatal injury by 71 percent for infants (younger than 1 year old) and by 54 percent for toddlers (1-4 years old) in passenger cars.
- Estimates show that booster seats reduce the risk of injury by 59 percent compared with the use of an adult safety belt alone.
- In 2004, 451 lives were saved due to child restraints, 15,434 due to seatbelts, and 2,647 due to airbags.

What is a CPS Technician?

A CPS Technician stands for Certified Passenger Safety Technician. In order to be qualified as a CPS Technician, a person must undergo an intensive 40 hour course which consists of classroom and hands-on exercises. Each person must then adequately pass a written and hands-on exercise before being certified as a CPS Technician.

What a CPS Technician can do for YOU

- Assist you with installing your child safety seat properly and according to the manufactures instructions.
- Assist you with information regarding the proper selection of a child safety seat.
- Assist you with ensuring your child's safety seat is approved and if there is any recalls pending on your child's safety seat.
- Answer questions that you may have relating to your child's safety seat or installation.
- Provide you with information relating to your child's safety seat and your vehicle safety systems.

What to expect during CSS Inspection

- CPS Technician may ask to see you install the Child Safety Seat.
- CPS Technician shall ask you sign a waiver of liability.
- CPS Technician may make recommendations regarding you vehicle and CSS.

Things a CPS Technician May Ask Of You

In order for a CPS Technician to provide you with the most assistance as possible, the CPS Technician may ask you a series of questions so that he/she can gather the appropriate information regarding your child safety seat and child restraint system.

Questions you may be asked are:

- Your name
- Child's name
- Child's age
- Child's weight and height
- Vehicle information—Make/Model/Year
- You may be asked for your vehicles auto manual.
- Child Safety Seat make/model/date of manufacture.

Scheduling An Inspection

Chambersburg Area

The Chambersburg Fire Department
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717-263-5872

or

Carseats@chambersburgfire.com

Please call to set up an appointment if possible