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CPS TEAM Colorado

Welcome to the newsletter for Child Passenger Safety Technicians, Instructors and Advocates in the great state of Colorado! We hope you find all the information you need to stay connected to your fellow safety professionals for statewide CPS happenings, training and national information.

Please feel free to contact us if you would like to see content added or have questions concerning information in this newsletter.

We welcome misuse photos, unique stories and information about the great things going on in your community!



Have a great photo or story to share? Want to brag about your awesome team? We'd love to hear about it! [Click here](#) to submit.



Northern Colorado CPS Program says farewell:



"You've still got your seatbelt on."

CPS TEAM COLORADO WEBSITE

If you haven't been to the CPS Team Colorado website lately - Check out the 'new and improved site'. There is a great deal of helpful information for parents and caregivers, past newsletters, check forms, handouts, programs and information for CPS Technicians and Advocates.



Community Hours Available
We need Volunteers!!!

CPS Team Colorado has partnered with 9 Health Fair to provide CPS Technicians an opportunity to gain community education and outreach hours, which are required to re-certify. We need one or two

Thank you Laura!



Courtesy of Janet Werst
University of Colorado Health, Northern Region
Community Health

Recall information: [Links to several recallsheets](#)

volunteers for each event. Once you have signed up someone will contact you with the details of the event or the event contact person.

There are two events that have no volunteers signed up on April 26, 2014 in Eaton and Greeley. Please consider volunteering if you are available.

click to sign up: [9HealthFair](#) current needs:

4/26/2014 (Sat)	Eaton, CO	6:30AM - 11:30AM	CPS Technician Volunteer (2)	Sign Up
	Greeley/Evans, Co	7:00AM - 11:30AM	CPS Technician Volunteer (2)	Sign Up
	Highlands Ranch, Co	7:00AM - 12:00PM	CPS Technician Volunteer (2)	All slots filled ✓ Amie Durocher ✓ Erin Brill
6/2/2014 (Fri)	Denver, Co	6:00AM - 12:00PM	CPS Technician Volunteer (2)	Sign Up
6/4/2014 (Sun)	Denver, Co	7:00AM - 1:00PM	CPS Technician Volunteer (2)	All slots filled ✓ Josh Lewis ✓ Britney Lombard

Other Volunteer Opportunities:

Date	Location	Available Slot
4/26/2014 (Sat. 8:00AM - 2:00PM)	SafeSplash - Parker, Co	CPS Technician Volunteer (2) All slots filled ✓ Bobby Gertson ✓ Chris Kozuch
6/7/2014 (Sat. 11:00AM - 4:00PM)	Pueblo Steelworkers Health Fair - Colorado State Fairgrounds	CPS Technician Volunteer (2) Sign Up
6/8/2014 (Sun. 9:00AM - 3:00AM)	Concours D'Elegance Exotic Sports Car Show - Littleton, CO	CPS Technician Volunteer (2) Sign Up



Manifesto - Texting while driving video



Colorado Child Passenger Safety Technician and Technician/Instructor Awards

Please take a moment and enter your nomination for the CPS Tech and Tech/Instructor-click on link below:

[Link to Nomination Survey](#)

Need information? Links to several resources click on the name to be connected with the sheet:

- * [Safety Belt Safe, USA](#)
- * [University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center](#)
- * [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#)
- * [The Safety Restraint Coalition](#)



Denver Bronco's Joel Dreesen recording PSA for Colorado CPS Program. Audio and video spots to be airing soon to promote Colorado Child Passenger Safety.

BE SURE TO ENTER YOUR SEAT CHECK DATA [click here for form](#). THOSE WHO REPORT DATA WILL BE RANDOMLY SELECTED TO RECEIVE CPS GOODIES!! RECIPIENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE 'CONE AWARD' SECTION OF THIS NEWSLETTER.



DATA DRIVES DOLLARS, DOLLARS DRIVE PROGRAMS! ENTER YOUR DATA TODAY!

Hand-Held or Hands-Free - Which is Safer?

Studies continue to find that both options impair driving. One recent study is from [The University of Utah and AAA](#). "Why are these things so distracting? Are they distracting in a different way, or are they distracting in the same way as, [say,] eating a hamburger?"



[Full Articles here](#)

Think You Know All About Distracted Driving? Think Again, Says AAA
New research reveals that voice-activated in-car technologies dangerously undermine driver attention:

What's Up With All the Car Seat Recalls Lately? Three major recalls in three months -

An Elkhart, Indiana factory stands at the center of a federal investigation into the safety of buckles that it makes for child car seats.

Car seat manufacturer Graco announced in February a recall of about 3.7 million car seats after the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration determined they could pose a safety hazard because the buckles can be difficult to open. In March Graco expanded their VERY large recall campaign, rear-facing only seats were not included in the recall.

While this is not a crash performance concern, Graco identified that that food and dried liquids can make some harness buckles progressively more difficult to open or become stuck.

A NHTSA report quotes a mother who spent 45 minutes squeezing her toddler daughter out of her car seat because she couldn't unlatch the buckle.

"My toddler became increasingly upset as it was getting scary," she wrote. "It's extremely unnerving to have this happen to your child, and even more, the worst case scenarios are already playing in my mind: What if we had a car fire or a car accident?"

The buckles in the recalled seats were made by AmSafe Commercial Products' Elkhart plant. The NHTSA also is investigating EvenFlo car seats for the same reason, and those seats also contain AmSafe buckles.

The NHTSA confirmed it is in contact with AmSafe to determine whether its buckles have been placed in any other child car seat brands.

Graco initially balked at the recall, arguing the buckles become stuck because "food, dried liquid drinks, vomit, formula, etc." seeps into the buckles over time, causing the buckles to become difficult to unlatch, according to NHTSA documents. But the agency dismissed that reasoning, saying it's "completely foreseeable" that such items will contaminate a child car seat.

Graco has received more than 6,100 consumer reports complaining about the problem, according to NHTSA documents. Graco is a defendant in two lawsuits over the issue, one a class-action suit filed in a California federal court, and the other a wrongful death suit in Los Angeles Superior Court, in which 2-year-old Leiana Ramirez allegedly was killed while sitting in a Graco car seat during a car fire that followed an accident.

The Graco seats recalled were the model years 2009-2013, produced with the "Signature," "QT" and "QT3" buckles. For more details, visit Graco's recall website.

In May 2013, Graco switched from using the AmSafe buckle to a new one supplied by Westfield, Indiana-based Indiana Mills and Manufacturing Inc. Graco is offering consumers that buckle as a replacement for the recalled seats.

In April 2014, Baby Trend announced they were voluntarily recalling similar buckles used on the TrendZ Fastback 3-in-1 car seat.

Keep the printer ink handy, there may be more recalls to come on seats that used this particular buckle. **CURRENT RECALL LISTS MUST HAVE BEEN REVISED ON APRIL 14, 2014 OR LATER.** Links to four of the major recall lists are included in this newsletter.



"This study constitutes the most in-depth analysis to date of mental distractions behind the wheel. AAA is hopeful that it will serve as a stepping stone toward working in collaboration with automakers to promote our shared goal of improving safety for all drivers," said Darbelnet. "Specifically, these increasingly common voice-driven, in-vehicle technologies should be limited to use for just core driving tasks unless the activity results in no significant driver distraction."

- Safe Kids and State Farm present: Child Restraint Manufacturer: Diono May 15, 2014 from 2 pm - 3 pm ET (East Coast/NY time) CPS CEUs available: 1(CHES/MCHES credit is also available). Register now: <http://bit.ly/May15web>
- Vehicle Manufacturer Panel Discussion: June 18, 2014 This CEU opportunity for CPS Techs is brought to you by State Farm and the Safe Kids Certification program. This webinar panel discussion will focus on the vehicle perspective of child passenger safety. Panelists from General Motors (Julie Kleinert), Volkswagen/Audi (Barbara Birkenshaw) and Ford (Eric Eiswerth) will address many of the questions that CPS technicians have on how the occupant protections systems are different from one another and how this would influence or challenge a car seat installation. This webinar panel discussion will focus on the vehicle perspective of child passenger safety. Our panelists from General Motors (Julie Kleinert), Volkswagen/Audi (Barbara Birkenshaw) and Ford (Eric Eiswerth) will address many of the questions that CPS technicians have on how the occupant protections systems are different from one another and how this would influence or challenge a car seat installation. [Register here](#)
- Four online Tech Updates on Myth Busters, Communicating Longer Rear-facing to Parents, Hot Topics in CPS, Boosters-What Fits?, LATCH and HHW Seats, Transporting Children with Special Needs and What's New in Child Safety Seats. After watching the videos, users must pass the test for each course with 80% in order to print a certificate of completion. Courses are worth 1 or 2 CEUs. Users may log in and out to complete the modules. <http://extensiononline.tamu.edu/courses/volunteers.php>
- 8 online presentations on School Buses, A Tech's Guide to Recalls, Transportation of Children in Vehicles Other Than Cars, Federal Regulations, Non-Federal Consumer Information, Transporting Children with Special Health Care Needs, New Technologies in Occupant Protection with an Emphasis on Vehicle Technology and Using Rear Facing Child Restraints Longer. Read the instructions and requirements carefully. You can take each webinar one time for CEUs. www.SafeKidsWebinars.org
- More online CEU opportunities can be found at: [CEU info](#)

Steps to CPST Recertification:

[Recertification Requirements](#)

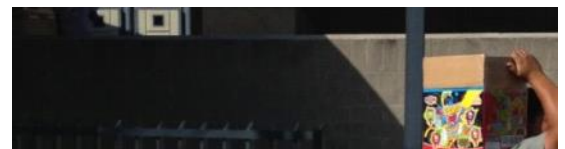
CPS certification expires after *two years*. Technicians and Instructors are required to successfully complete the recertification process before their current certification expires.

[Here is what you need to do to recertify:](#)

Meet these requirements and record the activities in your online profile.

- * Conduct all five different types of seat checks.
 - * Participate in at least one community event (one checkup or community workshop).
 - * Participate in at least six continuing education units (CEUs). As part of ongoing quality assurance, you may be randomly selected for a CEU audit. Keep proof of content and completion of CEUs handy for three months after you recertify.
 - * You can monitor your audit status in your online profile. If you are an instructor, complete 20 Certification/Certification Renewal Course teaching hours.
 - * Pay the recertification fee. The recertification fee is \$50 for technicians and instructor candidates and \$60 for instructors.
- Check your online profile if you are not sure when your certification expires.

You must complete all recertification requirements, including paying the recertification fee, on or before the expiration date of your current certification.





CONGRATULATIONS to Captain Daniel Valdez of the Gypsum Fire Protection District!!

Captain Valdez is the randomly selected winner of the CPS Team Colorado data reporting drawing! Captain Valdez will be receiving the Child Restraint Manufacturers' Instructions with Summary Sheets DVD from the Colorado CPS Program as well as a gift certificate to Subway from the CPS Training Coordinators.



THANK YOU to Castle Rock Fire and Rescue Department-the addition of their inspection stations put Colorado at over 160 Child Passenger Safety inspection stations!!! Woo hoo !!!

Buckle-Up Safely - Improving Use of Child Restraints in Children Injury and Violence Seminar Series

Presented by the Pediatric Injury Prevention, Education and Research (PIPER) Program and the Department of Epidemiology, Colorado School of Public Health

Rebecca Ivers, MPH, PhD
 Director, Injury Division, The George Institute for Global Health; Professor of Public Health, The University of Sydney, Australia

Date: Tuesday, April 29

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Snacks provided. Feel free to bring a brownbag lunch.

Location: Education 2 North, Room 1206

The Buckle-Up Safely study was a cluster randomised controlled trial to determine firstly whether the use of appropriate child restraints can be increased in pre-school aged children and secondly to determine if misuse of restraints can be decreased through a comprehensive education and seat distribution program.

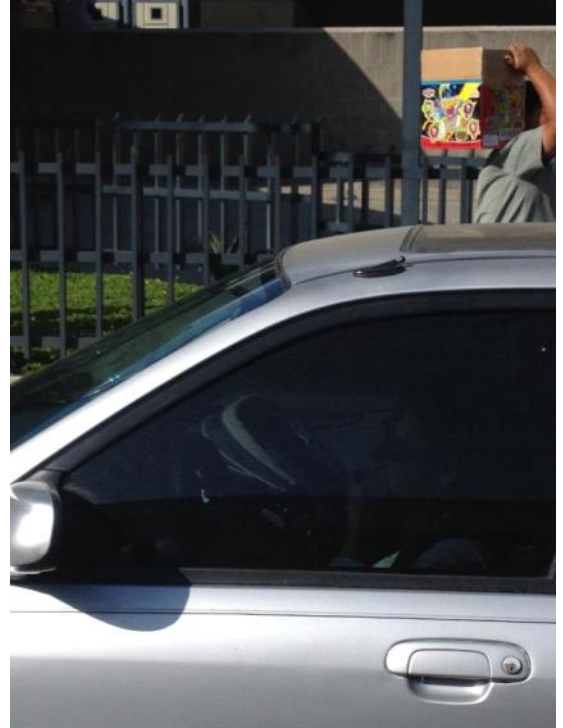
PIPER will record this presentation and a video will be posted on their website 2-3 weeks after presentation at:
<http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/PublicHealth/research/ResearchProjects/piper/Pages/default.aspx> 2-3



Playing House -- Premiering April 29 - Safety First



You must complete all recertification requirements, including paying the recertification fee, on or before the expiration date of your current certification.



Kirsten Taylor (Trauma Outreach and Injury Prevention Specialist Memorial Hospital, University of Colorado Health) spotted this on a recent medical mission trip to Guatemala: A rear facing only seat installed in the front seat of a 2003 Mazda sedan. Here's hoping no child was in the seat!



Interested in Taking a More Active Role in Child Passenger Safety in Colorado?

The Colorado Child Passenger Safety Advisory Council is now accepting applications for District Representatives in:

- District 5 - Crowley, Kiowa, Prowers, Baca, Bent and Otero Counties
- District 6 - Fremont, Pueblo, Custer, Huerfano, and Las Animas Counties.
- District 8 - Dolores, San Juan, Montezuma, La Plata and Archuleta Counties.
- District 10 - Park, Summit, Eagle, Pitken, Lake and Chaffee Counties

Join The team and Be the change you want to see..it takes one person to impact one child, to impact one family to impact one community.

For more information or to apply click on the link below.

[CPS TEAM COLORADO Advisory Council](#)



FREE IS NOT RISK-FREE

HANDS-FREE IS NOT RISK-FREE

#1 cause of unintentional deaths in U.S. are car crashes.

About **100 PEOPLE** die every day in car crashes.

A DEADLY DISTRACTION

NOT primarily mechanical

90% of all car crashes are caused by **DRIVER ERROR!**

NOT primarily mechanical

At any moment, **9% OF DRIVERS** are talking on cell phones.

About **26% OF ALL CAR CRASHES** involve cell phone use — including hands-free!

HANDS-FREE IS NOT RISK-FREE

WHAT'S HANDS-FREE? earpiece, dashboard system, speakerphone

MULTI-TASKING: THE BIG FAT MYTH

The brain quickly toggles between tasks — but can't do two things at the same time.

The activity in the area of the brain that processes moving images **decreases by up to 1/3** when listening to talking on a phone.

Drivers looking out the windshield can **miss seeing up to 50%** of what's around them when talking on any kind of a cell phone.

Field of view narrows while talking on a phone.

THE ESSENTIAL TRIO: requirements for driving

- Eyes on the road
- Hands on the wheel

MIND ON DRIVING

Other activities **take thought and are hard to do while on a call**, like reading a book. You can't do either well if you're doing them at the same time, and the consequences with driving are much greater than needing to reread a page.

TECHNOLOGY: GOOD OR BAD?

New studies show using voice-to-text is **MORE** distracting than typing texts by hand.

LEVEL 25 DRIVERS: crash avoidance systems, adaptive cruise, GPS

DISTRACTED DRIVERS: dashboard infotainment features (text, text, apps, social media, maps)

BACK-SEAT DRIVER: the paradox of the passenger

- A passenger is another set of eyes.
- A passenger is able to recognize when traffic is challenging and stop looking.

Isn't it just as distracting to talk...



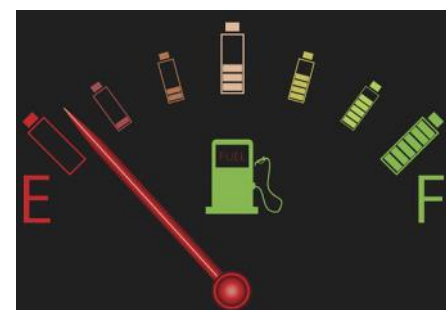
Twenty Equipment Kits to be Distributed in May:



These awesome community training equipment kits include scales, height chart, educational materials (see photo), training dolls, and inspection station sign. If you are interested in receiving one of these kits please contact Heather Cobler 303 239 4500 or heather.cobler@state.co.us Seat check data is required to receive an equipment kit. [Click here to link to the current resource map](#)



Professionalism -- Video contest winner



[Ten Surprising Myths About Gas Mileage](#)

BACK-SEAT DRIVER:
the paradox of the passenger

Isn't it just as distracting to talk to passengers?

A passenger is able to spot and point out driving hazards.

A passenger is able to recognize when traffic is challenging and slow to stop.

For adult drivers, **no!**

FREE IS NOT RISK-FREE HANDS-FREE

TAKE THE PLEDGE TODAY!

Now that you have the facts about cell phone use while driving (hands-free or handheld!), take the pledge to keep our roadways safe by driving cell free at nsc.org/pledge

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[Ten Surprising Myths About Gas Mileage](#)



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"He's a speed reader."

TEXTING AND DRIVING

Every year **1.6 million** car crashes are caused by mobile phone usage.

One text takes **4.6 seconds** to read. At **55mph**, that's like driving the length of a football field **blindfolded**.

TEXTING AND DRIVING FOR ALL DRIVERS

■ ILLEGAL ■ LEGAL ■ ILLEGAL STARTING JULY 2014

SOURCE: NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

NIGHTLY NEWS
11:30 PM EST

Learn about the distracted brain in this vintage 1953 NSC training film



Vintage National Safety Council Video on Distracted Driving



Child Passenger Safety Training Courses

Advocate courses (full or half day awareness class) are a great way to introduce someone to Child Passenger Safety. If you have community members interested in becoming involved in CPS please direct them to one of these courses. In some cases people make better advocates than technicians, they may not have time for the full course or it is just too overwhelming, an Advocate Course can be the spark to sustainable CPS involvement. Please [click here](#) to request an Advocate course in your area.



Continuing Education (also known as refreshers, CEU class, or Update Refresher) courses will be offered on a frequent basis across the state. Please consider attending one of these courses instead of getting all your CEU's online. Instructors will be available for the required seat checks. Please [click here](#) to request a CE course in your area.

Continuing Education for hospital/healthcare based CPST's-addresses the unique needs and liability issues encountered by CPST's working in this environment. Please [click here](#) if you are interested in this course.

Certification Renewal courses are also available this year for CPS Technicians whose certification has expired within the past four years. One of the requirements of the course is that the technician has remained an active participant in CPS during the lapsed time. This course can be taken consecutively with the CE course but IT IS NOT an update class. If you do not feel your skills are current please take the CE course prior to enrolling in this course. Please [click here](#) for more info.

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