

NATIONAL
CHILD
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SAFETY
CERTIFICATION

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CPSExpress

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CERTIFICATION UPDATES

New Forms Available!

Safe Kids Certification has updated several forms on the National CPS Certification Website! These forms include the applications for Instructor Candidacy, Technician Proxy, the evaluation for Instructor Candidacy, the CEU pre-approval form and the application for student Nursing Contact Hours. All forms will be sent directly to training@safekids.org, a dedicated email to receive your applications and evaluations. As the certifying body, Safe Kids can help with everything regarding the certification process including status, testing, re-certification, etc.

Forms below are available at:

[Becoming an Instructor or Technician Proxy | National CPS Certification](#)

[Application for Instructor Candidacy](#) - ver. 8/2025

[Instructor Candidate Evaluation-](#) ver.8/2025

[Application to be a Technician Proxy](#) - ver. 8/2025

Form below is available at:

Recertification | National CPS Certification

[CPS CEU Preapproval Request Form](#) - ver. 8/2025

Form below is available at:

Course Administration | National CPS Certification

[Application for CNE](#) – ver. 8/2025

Effective Event Advertising

As part of the Good Neighbor Car Seat Program, Safe Kids and community partners around the US have asked caregivers to complete an exit survey. The respondents indicated how they learned about the car seat event they attended.

With over 1500 respondents nationwide here are the top responses for 2025. 82% of respondents indicated it was their first time at a car seat event. Of the respondents below is a breakdown of how the respondents learned about the events.

Friends/Family – 21%

Social Media – 16.5%

Doctor/Hospital – 16%

Caregiver searched online – 7%

Fire/Police – 6%

Safe Kids – 6%

WIC or other health organization – 6%

While event advertising was not standardized and varied by location, you can see the importance of posting your events on social media, including friends and families in your outreach, and reaching out to local health organizations to contact their patients.

INSTRUCTOR UPDATES

The CPS Code of Conduct is a guide that is intended for all CPSTs and Instructors.

Adhering to the Code of Conduct maintains the quality of services provided by CPSTs and applies to all verbal, non-verbal and written communication while interacting with colleagues and caregivers.

The code of conduct can be found on the inside cover of the

TECHNICIAN UPDATES

Hot Car Deaths Are Preventable

Since 1998, 1,037 children have died in hot cars due to heatstroke. All these deaths were preventable. The average number of Hot Car deaths is 37 per year and so far, 29 children have died this year. There is still time to do all that we can to decrease the annual average and save lives. How? — By educating caregivers to remember to A-C-T.

A – Avoid heatstroke: Avoid hot car death by never leaving a child alone in a car, not even for a minute.

C – Create reminders: Keep a stuffed animal or other memento in your child's car seat when it's empty and move it to the front seat as a visual reminder when your child is in the back seat , or place and secure your phone, briefcase or purse in the back seat when traveling with your child.

T – Take Action: If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel want you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations.

Recertification Audit Reminders

Audits for recertification serve to verify both the accuracy and quality of required activities, including continuing education. This process helps confirm that submitted paperwork is correct, that continuing educational sessions are an approved event and to provide accurate and consistent information, and that technicians & instructors maintain the skills and professionalism needed for recertification. As stated in the policy, technicians and instructors should keep all CEU documentation for at least 3 months after recertification is completed. Contact information should be kept up to date in case you are audited. Audit emails are sent during the first week of the month, and audit materials are due at the end of the month. Should any questions arise about audits, please visit the policies & procedures manual [National CPS Certification Policies & Procedures Manual](#) or email cpsaudit@safekids.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Conferences

[Safe Kids Worldwide's](#)

[PREVCON: Childhood Injury Prevention Convention](#)

October 15-18, 2025

National Harbor, MD



[Lifesavers Conference](#) (2026)

April 19-21, 2026

(with auxiliary trainings April 18, 2026)

Baltimore, MD



MACPS Calendar of State, Regional, and National CPS Conferences

NJ: September 18-19

[**Child Passenger Safety Conference**](#) (Little Egg Harbor and Fairfield); Porsha Moody, pmoody@cjfhc.org

ME: September 21-22

[**Maine CPS Conference**](#) (Location TBD; within 25 miles of Bangor or Portland); Kerry Chausmer, kchausmer@ghsa.org

AZ: October 1

[**AZ CEU Update**](#) (Scottsdale); Yomaira Castillo, yomaira.diaz@azdhs.gov

IL, IN, IA, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD, WI: October 21-22

[**Minnesota TZD Conference**](#) (Prior Lake, MN); Sheila Denton, sheila.denton@scmnems.org

NV: October 21-23

[**Nevada Traffic Safety Summit**](#) (Las Vegas); Johnnean Morrison, jjmorrison@dps.state.nv.us

DE, D.C., MD, NJ, PA, VA: October 28

[**Delaware Child Passenger Safety Conference**](#) (Rehoboth Beach, DE); Juanita Huey-Smith, juanita.huey-smith@delaware.gov

Observances

Child Passenger Safety Week

- September 21-27, 2025: Child Passenger Safety Week
- September 27, 2025: National Seat Check Saturday

Keeping children safe while traveling is a top priority for parents and caregivers, and often parents seek out information regarding car seat safety. Child Passenger Safety Week is a great opportunity to share safety information with partners and across communities. In addition to evergreen material, there are also several documents and creative material specific to Child Passenger Safety Week. Many assets are available in English and Spanish.

[Get Materials Here](#)

CEU AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION RESOURCES

Visit training.safekids.org to see updates to the CEU platform and look for new CEUs coming soon. For assistance with login or certificates please contact mlouzon@safekids.org

SAFE KIDS WEBINARS

A RideSafer Refresher by Safe Traffic System, Inc.

Monday, October 6, 2025

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm ET (1 CEU)

[Register Now](#)

CERTIFICATION WEBSITE

Alert: Stop Spinning

If you are in your CPS online profile and the page won't load (spinning circle), it is probably because you are using Internet Explorer for the browser. Internet Explorer is not compatible with some web pages because it is no longer supported/updated.

The solution is to use a different browser such as Chrome, Safari, Firefox or Edge.

SAFE KIDS' TEAM CERT IS HERE TO HELP!

The Safe Kids team is available to help you with recertification, course management, CEU audits and any other certification-related issues.

- Technical content and questions, understanding Certification policies and procedures
Cass Herring, certadvisor@safekids.org
- Recertification, managing a course, or paying a fee (roster issues)
Wardell Bonner or Theresa Jean, cpscert@safekids.org, or **202-875-6330**
- Pre-approvals for CEUs, technician proxy applications, instructor candidacy applications, Nursing Continuing Education credits
Stephanie Heitsch, sheitsch@safekids.org
- Audit questions
Franki Algarin, cpsaudit@safekids.org
- Questions related to training.safekids.org
Matt Louzon, mlouzon@safekids.org



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