Child Passenger Safety Week
September 23-29, 2018

The basics of child passenger safety – seat selection, direction, location, installation and harnessing – are more important than ever. Traffic fatalities nationwide are climbing at an alarming rate, and securing our most precious passengers correctly is the best way to protect them. Every year, thousands of children are tragically injured or killed in car crashes. In fact, crashes are a leading cause of death of children, and fatalities have been steadily increasing since 2014. On average, in 2016, two children under 13 were killed every day while riding in cars, SUVs, pickups and vans. Unfortunately, the numbers in 2016 show an 8-percent increase in fatalities from the previous year, making 2016 the deadliest year in the past 5 years. As a community, we have an obligation to keep children safe and making sure each child is traveling in the correct car seat for their age and size is crucial.

Parents and caregivers need to make certain that they and their children are properly buckled up for every trip, every time – including short trips to places like the grocery store or school. In 2016, 228 passenger vehicle occupants under age 13 died while unbucketed in motor vehicle traffic crashes. Car seats, booster seats, and seat belts — when used properly — save lives and offer the best protection for children in crashes.

In Pennsylvania from 2013 – 2017, 82 percent of the children under age 4 who were involved in crashes and restrained in a car seat sustained no injury (2017 Pennsylvania Crash Facts and Statistics). The data is evidence that deaths and injuries can be prevented by correctly using car seats, boosters and seat belts. In 2016, the Pennsylvania Occupant Protection law was enhanced to require children younger than age 2 to be secured in a rear-facing car seat.

Pennsylvania’s Occupant Protection Law for Children

- All children from birth to age 4 must be secured in a car seat anywhere in the vehicle.
- Children younger than age 2 must be secured rear-facing, until they outgrow the maximum weight and height of the car seat.
- All children 4 years of age and older, but less than 8 years, must be secured in a seat belt and an appropriate booster seat anywhere in the vehicle.
- All children 8 years of age and older, but less than 18 years of age, must be secured in a seat belt system anywhere in the vehicle.
- All drivers are responsible for securing children in the appropriate car seat, booster seat, or seat belt.

“Safe Families Buckle Up”

Pennsylvania’s theme for Child Passenger Safety Week is “Safe Families Buckle Up”. The theme encourages all vehicle passengers to use an appropriate occupant restraint. The best way to protect children in a car is to make sure every passenger in the vehicle is correctly buckled in a car seat, booster seat, or seat belt on every trip, every ride.

Request Materials

Free materials to distribute to caregivers at your events can be ordered by calling 1-800 CAR BELT, visiting www.pakidstravelsafe.org under “CPS Week 2018" or at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CPSWeekFlyers. Materials given to parents and caregivers offer best practice guidance on the correct selection and use of car seats, booster seats, and seat belts.

To receive educational materials for CPS Week, please submit your request by September 10th. Requests made after September 10th will be filled, but we cannot guarantee you will receive them in time for your event.

Five Steps for Correct Use

Resources and Child Passenger Safety Week Planner

The PA Traffic Injury Prevention Project and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation are committed to working closely with our partners and safety advocates to educate parents and caregivers during Child Passenger Safety Week. To generate awareness about the importance of securing children in the correct car seat, booster seat, or seat belt, the 2018 Child Passenger Safety Week planner was developed. The planner provides information and resources to promote the safety of children traveling in Pennsylvania. The planner is posted at http://pakidstravelsafe.org/resources/cps/item/880-child-passenger-safety-week-2018.

We appreciate your partnership and look forward to working with you in promoting child passenger safety.
Child Passenger Safety Trainings

For questions on how to create a personal profile or register for a class, please go to http://cert.safekids.org/ResourcesFAQs/Howto.aspx.

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 $85. To register, go to cert.safekids.org.

Lehigh County
Course ID: PA20180710729
Date: Sept. 13-17, 2018
Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Cetronia EMS Joint Operation Center
4300 Broadway
Allentown, PA 18104
Contact: Bill McQuilken
Phone: 610-402-0407
Email: william_d.mcquilken@lvhn.org

Indiana County
Course ID: PA20180604633
Date: October 18-19 & 25-26, 2018
Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Citizen’s Ambulance
2712 West Pike Road
Indiana, PA 15701
Contact: Kristen Urso
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org

Franklin County
Course ID: PA20180724775
Date: November 13-16, 2018
Time: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Fayetteville EMS
101 West Main Street
Fayetteville, PA 17222
Contact: Matthew Frampton
Phone: 717-766-1616
Email: mframpton@atspa.org

Crawford County
Course ID: PA20180803815
Date: September 21, 2018
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Meadville Fire Department
850 Park Avenue
Meadville, PA 16335
Contact: Mary Lakari
Phone: 814-839-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

Cumberland County
Course ID: PA20180611649
Date: September 25-28, 2018
Time: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Hampden Township Fire Department
Good Hope Station
1200 Good Hope Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
Contact: Matt Frampton
Phone: 717-766-1616
Email: mframpton@atspa.org

Union County
Course ID: PA2018010314
Date: October 23-26, 2018
Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Evangelical Community Hospital, Community Health and Wellness
3 Hospital Drive, Suite 120
Levisburg, PA 17837
Contact: Kelly Whitaker
Phone: 814-943-3360
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org

Centre County
Course ID: PA20180521576
Date: December 4-7, 2018
Time: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Ferguson Township Municipal Building
3147 Research Drive
State College, PA 16801
Contact: Kelly Whitaker
Phone: 814-943-3360
Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org

Venango County
Course ID: PA20180503535
Date: October 9-11, 2018
Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
UPMC Seneca Place
3163 Route 257
Seneca, PA 16346
Contact: Mary Lakari
Phone: 814-838-9971
Email: mlakari@paaap.org

York County
Course ID: PA20180718752
Date: October 30-November 2, 2018
Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Rabbit Transit—York County Administrative Office
415 N. Zarfoss Drive
York, PA 17404
Contact: Joe Anne Ward-Cottrell
Phone: 717-851-3231
Email: mwardcottrell@wellspan.org

Washington County
Course ID: PA20180604634
Date: December 10-13, 2018
Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Peters Township Fire Department
245 E McMurray Road
Mcmurray, PA 15317
Contact: Kristen Urson
Phone: 412-885-0266
Email: kurso@paaap.org

Luzerne County
Course ID: PA201806020677
Date: October 16-20, 2018
Time: 9:00 am-5:00 pm
McKean Juniors
340 Kissler St.
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

McKean County
Course ID: PA20180806822
Date: October 17, 2018
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
SCPAHS @ American Trauma Society, PA Division
2 Flowers Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
Contact: Matthew Frampton
Phone: 717-766-1616
Email: mframpton@atspa.org

Mercer County
Course ID: PA20180569639
Date: October 4, 2018
Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Monroe County Emergency Management
100 Gypsum Road
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

Schuylkill County
Course ID: PA201806020677
Date: September 13, 2018
Time: 9:30 am-3:30 pm
Rush Twp. Municipal Building
104 Mahanoy Avenue
Tamaqua, PA 18252
Contact: Cathy Connors
Phone: 570-471-3026
Email: cconnors@paaap.org

2018 CPS Technical Update Courses

- The TIPP CPS Technical Update class has been pre-approved for 4 CEUs towards recertification. CPS Technical Update class is available upon request. Contact your TIPP regional coordinator to schedule a presentation in your region. Participation will earn 6 CPS CEUs toward recertification.
- The Municipal Police Officers’ Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) has approved the CPS Technical Update provides 6 Continuing Law Enforcement Education (CLEE) credit hours.

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