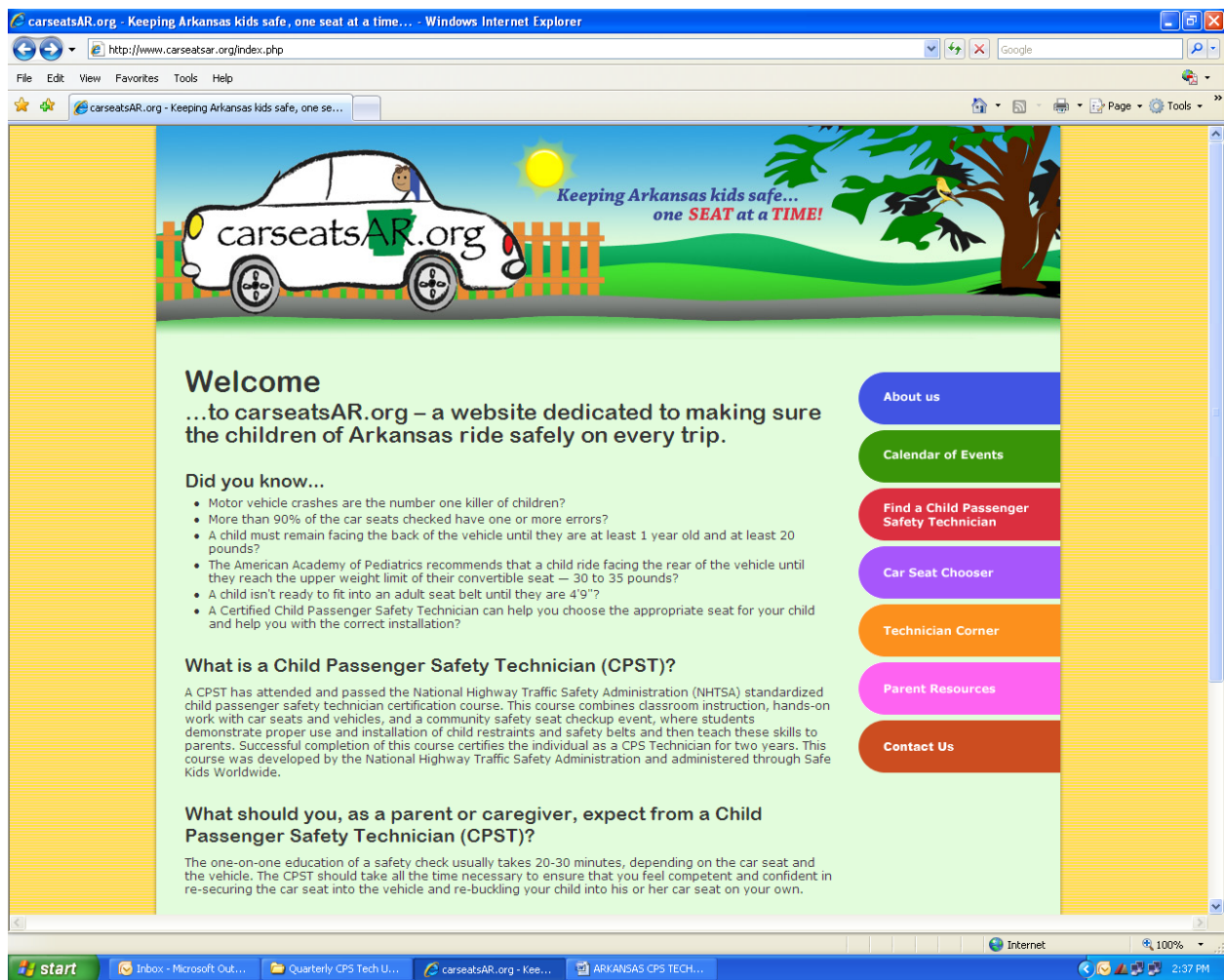


ARKANSAS CPS TECH UPDATE

This is the 20th issue of our quarterly electronic newsletter for child passenger safety (CPS) advocates throughout Arkansas. In order to remain up to date on major issues in the ever- changing field of CPS, each edition will provide the latest news, recall information, and CPS information. We would like to spotlight a local or statewide CPS program that is making a difference in their community or state. If you would like to share the successes of your program, or other programs you know about, we would love to hear about them. We welcome any and all suggestions to help make this newsletter useful to you as a CPS technician or advocate. If this is your first time to receive the Tech Update, back issues are available upon request.

We have a new website: www.carseatsar.org



The website, sponsored by the UAMS Child Passenger Safety Education Program and funded by the Arkansas Highway Safety Office, went live on September 1, 2010. It is an interactive way for parents and caregivers to find technicians in their area and educate them about car seat safety. The website is also a great tool for certified technicians. Under the *Technician Corner* tab, you can find back issues of

the CPS Tech Update and links to many of the websites we rely on for up-to-date information. Please let us know if you have any CPS events you would like on the calendar. Come and visit us at <http://www.carseatsar.org>

CPS UPDATE – LATEST NEWS YOU CAN USE:

A) New Booster Ratings: 21 Best Bets & 7 Good Bets; 8 out of 72 Seats Evaluated Aren't Recommended



ARLINGTON, September 8, 2010 – In its third round of booster seat evaluations, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) says the bottom line is most belt-positioning boosters don't consistently offer a good fit in all vehicles.

Seventy-two (72) boosters were assessed for safety belt fit and assigned the best ones a rating of *Best Bet* or *Good Bet*. The report stresses that it's the fit of the belt that is important. Even though manufacturers crash test boosters, they don't tell parents how boosters will fit kids in their vehicle.

To read the full report visit http://www.iihs.org/news/2010/iihs_news_090810.pdf

WELCOME NEW TECHNICIANS!

(3rd Quarter of 2010)

September 2010 Certification Class in Conway



Jordan Abels, Saline County Sheriff Department
Megan Balla, Delta AHEC
Cedric Brown, Sherwood Police Department
Bonnie Carr, AR Department of Health
Jessica Crymes, UAMS Kids First – Mountain View
Mary Glasscock, AR Department of Health
Kelly Hardgrave, Lamar School District, CASA
Meghan Mallett, Conway Regional Medical Center

Peggy Parham, Arkansas Children's Hospital
Kimberly Paro, Arkansas Children's Hospital
Tannya Pennington, Lyons Drug Store
Carmella Rogers, Conway Regional Health System
Cherie Smith, AR Department of Health
Holly Terry, UAMS/CPS Education Program
Angela Turner, UAMS AHEC, Pine Bluff
Keith Waymire, Sherwood Police Department

RECALLS: ARE YOU UP TO DATE?

Do you have the most up-to-date recall list? The Recall List is based on the latest information received and verified as of 07/06/10. The *SafetyBeltSafe USA* recall list was updated August 2, 2010. New models without recalls have been added to the list but no new car seat recalls were added. The University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's recall lists were last revised July 28, 2010.

To access and view an updated recall list, go to:

1) SafetyBeltSafe, USA: www.carseat.org

This recall list includes both official recalls and problems that have been identified by child passenger safety advocates. Sections are organized alphabetically by manufacturer. At the end of each section is a list of seats without recalls and seats that should no longer be used. There is no cost to view the SBS recall list. Only subscribers can print the recall list.

2) University of North Carolina, Highway Safety Research Center: www.hsrb.unc.edu. This recall list is available on-line and can be printed free. It is updated when an official recall is added to the list. The index of seats makes it easier to find recalled seats in the document. On this site, you can sign up for a free notification service to receive an email whenever a new recall is added to this list.

3) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: www.nhtsa.gov

This recall list is available on-line and can be printed free. It is only updated when an official recall is added to the list. On this site, you can sign up for a free notification service to receive an email whenever a new recall is added to this list.

CPS RESOURCES:



A) National Child Passenger Safety Board's *Tech Update* Available Online – www.cpsboard.org

The Fall 2010 Issue includes information on the following:

- 2010 CR Product Review
 - Did You Know? 80-Percent Guideline for CR Overhang
 - Lifesavers Conference Report
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B) National CPS Board *Tech Update Tools for Techs – Sign up now!*

Source: Fall 2010 Issue



1) NHTSA's *Traffic Tech*, "Reducing Nonuse fo Restraints by Children Ages 5 to 7," – a summary of the study "Identifying Strategies to Reduce the Percentage of Unrestrained Young Children" Go to NHTSA, Traffic Tech Publications. Select #382.

2) Child safety seat inspection station locator accessible at NHTSA's home page. – Go to www.nhtsa.gov and find Child Safety Seat Inspection Station Locator in the upper right blue pane. This site also provides access to an online defect-reporting form. The form takes approximately eight minutes to complete. It is suggested that a technician be familiar with all information needed for reporting the defect so all necessary details are available prior to starting to complete the form.

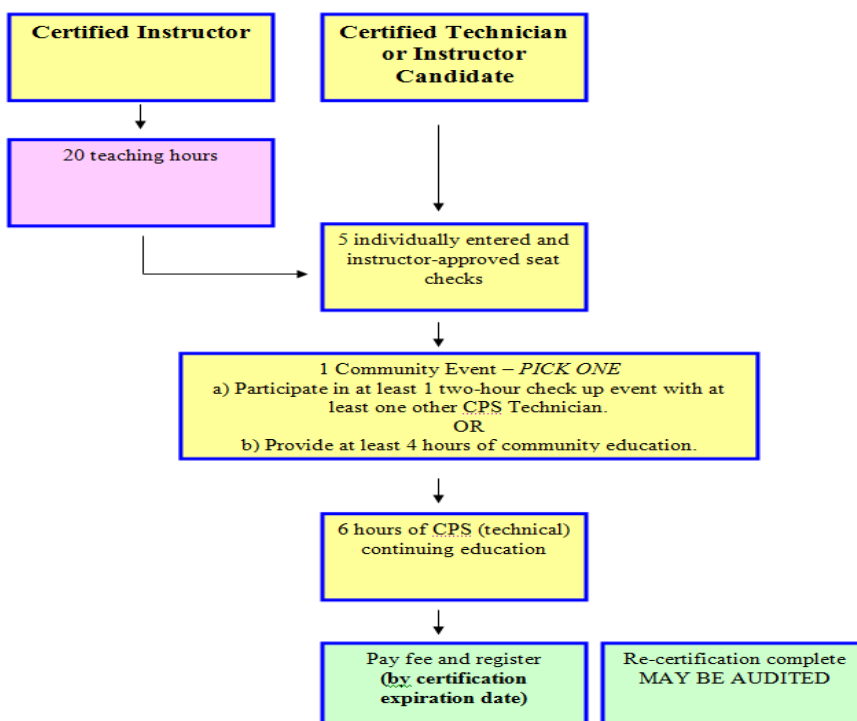
3) AAP CPS page provides a wealth of information, including the latest edition of the Car Safety Seats: Product Listing for 2010.

C) RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS – Don't Wait Until the Last Minute!



You may re-certify up to **four months** before your certification expiration date without losing any time. Avoid problems--don't delay! You **MUST** know your username and password to complete the online recertification process. If you don't know both, please call 877-366-8154.

CPS Re-certification Requirements



Tips on How to Get CEUs for Recertification

You need 6 CEUs (you can mix and match) to recertify. Many may be done at your convenience.

A few tips to get you started...

Newsletters/Manuals/Journals: (Category 5)

[Tech Update](#)

- At the CPS Board's home page (www.cpsboard.org/), click on **Earn CEUs Online** (right column). You will have several editions to choose from.
- Two updates with quizzes for one CEU only (1 CEU max).

[Examples of scientific articles](http://cert.safekids.org) – updated quarterly <http://cert.safekids.org>

- This is a listing of various scientific journal articles that you can read (you have to locate them). It allows for 3 articles to equal 1 CEU; 1 CEU is the maximum allowed for this category.

[LATCH Manual Quiz](http://www.saferideneews.org) at www.saferideneews.org

- **ALERT:** A new pink Latch Manual for 2009 has just been released. Go to www.saferideneews.com to complete the online order form.
- Click on Quick Links, scroll down to the CEUs for CPSTs section and click on the links to the 2009 LATCH Manuals (pdf) for the Latch Quiz.
- 1 CEU max. (limit one quiz)

[Car seat manufacturer instruction quiz](http://www.carseat.org) at www.carseat.org

- At the Safety Belt Safe USA home page, click on CEUs for Recertification (under the column Tools for Techs).
- To get to the quiz, you must click on the blue word quiz near the bottom of the page.
- 1 CEU max. (limit one quiz)

Online Sessions: (Category 4)

- www.SafeKidsWebinars.org - 4 online presentations on School Buses, A Tech's Guide to Recalls, Transportation of Children in Vehicles Other Than Cars and Federal Regulations. Read the instructions and requirements carefully
- www.cpsboard.org - 4 online presentations worth 1 CEU each. Click on the Earn CEUs Online link on the right. Read the instructions and requirements carefully. A certificate of completion will be generated when the quiz is passed (80%). Be sure you can **print** from the computer before you start. You must be able to print proof of completion.
- www.buckleupnc.org/training/index.cfm - Online videos from NC CPS Conference worth 0.5 to 1 CEU each (5 CEU sessions are currently available). For CEUs, you must create an account on www.buckleupnc.org. Techs will only be able

to take the quiz and earn CEU credits if they have created an account, are signed in, and have watched the entire video.

- o **Manufacturer Sites:** Two manufacturers provide online CEUs through special links in currently certified technicians' online profiles by clicking on the **Online CEUs action item** and selecting on Britax or Evenflo. Follow the instructions provided.

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OPINIONS, SUGGESTIONS, CORRECTIONS, ETC.

As CPS Technicians and Advocates, your opinion is important to us. Please let us know what you are doing in your community and we will add it to the Calendar of Events. Also, share with us a summary of your program and we'll spotlight your program in upcoming editions. Let others know the great work you are doing. Thanks for all you do in protecting the children of your community and this great state. Next edition coming in October 2010!

If you would like to be taken off of the mailing list, you may do so by replying to this email and typing "Please remove" in the subject line.

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We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit.

Aristotle