

Occupant Protection for Children Workshops (as of 3/7/16)

Child Restraint Manufacturers: Latest Technology #1 (1.5 CEU)

Child restraint manufacturers, big and small, will showcase their newest car seats, changes in established products and latest injury prevention technology. This year we have the added bonus of hearing from a school bus manufacturer. Don't miss this informative session!

Child Restraint Manufacturers: Latest Technology #2 (1.5 CEU)

Hear from child restraint manufacturers (approximately 7, not included in the previous session), as they showcase the newest car seats, changes in established products and the latest injury prevention technology.

How to Get Your Foot in Your School District's Door

Does your state require safety education as a condition of graduation? Whether your focus is occupant protection, bicycles, pedestrians, or teen driving, experts will discuss how to get your foot in the door by aligning your safety education program with a school district's guidelines and mandated curriculum standards. Teachers struggle with competing programs, limited time and standardized testing, but welcome free resources that sync with what they must teach. Explore creative ways to help them while helping save lives through community and school collaboration.

Getting & Keeping Kids in Booster Seats

Ever been asked, "until what age/weight/height should a child ride in a booster seat?" Do parents seem to worry less about the correct use of boosters than they do about correct use of car seats? Explore the issues technicians face and viable solutions for educating parents and children about proper booster seat use. Successful booster seat education and distribution programs will be highlighted, along with research that shows that parents are less likely to attend an inspection station for assistance with a booster seat.

Laws Won't Get the Job Done, Unless They're Enforced

A good law requires support from three key entities -- the legislators who sponsor and support it, police who are tasked with enforcing it, and the judges who must adjudicate it when a violator appears in their courtroom. Learn how the three work together by examining new and existing child passenger safety legislation and receive practical tips and guidance to evaluate how your state is doing when it comes to involving all three groups. Experts will also discuss how to assess the political climate when it comes to modifying or strengthening existing laws.

Learn More About Seat Belts on School Buses, a Hot Button Topic (1 CEU)

Did you know school bus seats can be equipped with adjustable lap/shoulder belts designed to enhance compartmentalization? Properly worn passenger lap/shoulder belts keep the children and teenagers within the compartment even during side impacts and rollovers. Plus, car seats can also be used, if necessary. An expert panel will address new seating technology, the associated crash dynamics and the revised NHTSA school bus curriculum as well as the role buckling up plays on retaining bus drivers and significantly decreasing student behavior violations. Learn how you can help make school bus safety a top priority in your community.

No More Business as Usual: Mixing It up to Reach Diverse Populations

Can you explain the difference between economic and cultural diversity? Engaging diverse populations can pose tremendous occupant protection challenges as well as impact your seat belt surveys and funding. Explore successful programs that have increased seat belt and child restraint use among economically and culturally diverse populations including foreign students, tribal members, refugees, and visitors. Learn how to use social media to engage with and meet the needs of these unique communities and obtain helpful tips and resources for working with tribal communities that have limited resources.

Research: What We Know & How We Know It #1

This workshop provides evaluated research you can use to develop or refresh your CPS program. Learn from one speaker about a national study that explored CPS knowledge among emergency nurses and if car seat safety is routinely addressed as they care for pediatric patients, regardless if admitted following a crash. The important issue of heatstroke will be addressed by a well-known meteorologist and national resource who maintains the only comprehensive database on the issue. In addition, discover how bystander behavior has changed as well as perceptions on the heatstroke issue. Third, learn which countermeasures might have the greatest impact on reducing the risk of injury to children in crashes by using analysis of a crash database linked with ratings of state child restraint laws.

Research: What We Know & How We Know It #2 (1 CEU)

Want to enhance your understanding of the technical issues surrounding CPS? Learn about the results of work on tether routing, childhood travel exposure and its effects on seat belt use, and the recently released Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's LATCH ratings program. Come learn how vehicles are rated, what the ratings mean and how child passenger safety technicians can use the ratings and IIHS website to help people make good vehicle and restraint choices for their families.

Special Needs: Going Beyond What You Learned in Your Certification Class (1 CEU)

Selecting restraints for children with special healthcare needs can be challenging. Expand your product knowledge, hear innovative ways to reach families beyond schools and hospitals, and commit to building your skills. Learn what is available for children with short or long-term disabilities, as well as the emerging issue of autism. Plan, promote and execute a successful special needs community event and inspection station, and learn how to address the atypical needs of your target population by making technology work for you when a specially trained CPST is not available.

Test Your Knowledge: Transporting Kids in Ambulances (1 CEU)

One in ten ambulance transports involve a child. A gap exists between standard occupant restraint practices for children in these versus other motor vehicles. Improving existing protocols, procedures and training for EMS providers is essential. CPS technicians can assist in the education and demonstration of best practices. Meet the experts, gain practical knowledge and pick up resources to take home and share.

Think Outside the Trash: Car Seat Recycling

Give the environment a boost! Today's parents know a lot about saving the environment, but for eco-minded consumers who want to manage their outdated car seats responsibly, recycling is a challenge. Few options are available for recycling car seats that contain rigid plastic, hard foam and metal. An expert panel will show you how to get started, expand partnerships, keep car seats out of landfills and incinerators, and sleep better at night knowing that car seats that once protected children aren't harming the environment.