



NEW BOOSTER SEAT REPORT

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has released a report that presents results from the 2011 National Survey of the Use of Booster Seats (NSUBS), which is the only probability-based nationwide child restraint use survey in the United States. The survey indicates more parents are choosing to keep their children in age and size appropriate car seats and booster seats longer, instead of transitioning them to seat belts too soon. The number of children ages four to seven riding in only seat belts, instead of car seats and boosters, dropped 7 percent in 2011 to 25 percent, down from 32 percent in 2009. Meanwhile, the use of both car seats and booster seats increased during the same period, suggesting that parents are increasingly following NHTSA recommendations and not graduating their children prematurely to seat belts.

Motor vehicle crashes continue to be a leading cause of death for children one to 13 years old, with more than 939 fatalities in 2011. The correct use of age and size appropriate child restraints is one step parents and caregivers can take to help decrease this number – NHTSA estimates that more than 12,200 children were saved by car seats and seat belts in 2011. While the NSUBS survey reports that restraint use for all children under 13 years of age reached 91 percent in 2011, it also shows that 25 percent of children ages four to seven were improperly restrained by seat belts instead of car seats or booster seats.

The complete report is available at <http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811718.pdf>

LATEST TRAFFIC SAFETY FACT SHEET

2011 Occupant Protection Traffic Safety Fact Sheet (DOT HS 811 729): This fact sheet provides an update on occupant protection for data year 2011. Seat belt use in 2011 was 84 percent, down slightly from 85 percent in 2011. In 2011, 21,253 occupants of passenger vehicles (passenger cars, pickup trucks, vans, and Sport Utility Vehicles) died in motor vehicle traffic crashes. Of the 21,253 total occupants killed, 9,439 were unrestrained. Direct link: <http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811729.pdf>

ADVISORY COUNCIL – CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The CPS Team Colorado Advisory Council is seeking applicants to fill upcoming vacancies in Districts 3, 4, 7, 8 and 11. If you are interested in serving on this council, find out more information here: <http://www.coloradodot.info/programs/seatbelts-carseats/carseats/about-us>; and the application process and form here: <http://www.coloradodot.info/programs/seatbelts-carseats/carseats/about-us/apply-cps-council>. Questions can be directed to Cpl. Heather Cobler.



WEBSITE UPDATE

Under the materials/resources navigation tab, new links have been included to manufacturers' installation videos. You no longer have to search the manufacturer websites for the videos; they are now linked directly from CarSeatsColorado.

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ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the CPS Team Colorado Advisory Council meeting will be held Wednesday April 24, 2013. Please get in touch with your District Representative to discuss program successes, obstacles, and needs before the meeting. We are here for you and we need your input! If you don't know who your District Representative is please visit the About Us tab on CarSeatsColorado.com.

LIFESAVERS RECAP

CPS Team Colorado State Coordinator Cpl. Heather Cobler spoke at the recent Lifesavers Conference about "Free Technology" used in Colorado to aide in program management and our new seat check app. **The free app used for seat checks, iAuditor, is now available on Droid!** Once you download the app search the library of templates for "Child Passenger". Download the CPS Team Colorado template and start your electronic seat checks. But remember, you still need to report on CarSeatsColorado.com.

More Lifesavers updates will be shared in the coming months.



CPS Team Colorado Advisory Council District 8 Representative Diane Downing and State CPS Coordinator Cpl. Heather Cobler attended the CPS on School Buses Preconference.



2013 CPS TRAINING

Training added or updated since the last newsletter is in **RED**.

CPS Technician Training. The CPS Technician certification course requires a \$75 certification fee payable to Safe Kids at the time of registration. There are no other local fees for this course.

| Date(s) | Location | How to Register |
|---|---|---|
| June 4, 5, 6, 7 9am to 5pm each day | CDOT conference room 20581 Hwy 160 W Durango, CO 81301 | http://cert.safekids.org/ search course ID # CO2013011049 |

CEU Refresher Offerings (for currently certified CPS Tech's to help fulfill recertification requirements)

-Unless otherwise noted, class times are 9 AM to 5 PM.

| Date | Location | How to Register |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| May 8 | CSP Office 10201 CR 69.1 Trinidad, CO | Email Susan Yates |
| May 29 * CLASS IS FULL* | Castle Rock FD 300 Perry St. Castle Rock, CO | Email Susan Yates |
| June 3 | CDOT conference room 20581 Hwy 160 W Durango, CO 81301 | Email Diane Downing ddowning@sucap.org |
| June 13 | Heart of the Rockies Medical Center 448 East 1 st Street, Touber Building, Shavano Room Salida, CO | Email Susan Yates |
| June 14 | Garfield County Sheriff's Office 106 County Road 333A Rifle, CO | Email Susan Yates |
| July 10 | Fort Lupton Fire Training Ctr 2999 9 th St. Fort Lupton, CO | Email Susan Yates |
| August 9 | Windsor Fire Department 100 7th st. Windsor, CO 80550 | Email Susan Yates |
| August 19 | High Country Fire Training Center 225 Summit County Road 1003 Frisco, CO | Email Susan Yates |
| September 13 | SW Adams County Fire 3365 West 65th Ave. Denver, CO | Email Susan Yates |
| September 16 | Colorado State Patrol 902 Erie Pueblo, CO 81001 | Email Susan Yates |



CPS Renewal Offerings* (for expired CPS Tech's)

-The Renewal course requires a \$75 certification fee payable online to SAFE KIDS at the time of registration. There are no other local fees for this course.

| Date | Location | How to Register |
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| <i>*TBA – Summer 2013*</i> | | |

Other Upcoming CPS-related Training (For Your Information):

| Date | Type | Location | Contact |
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| July 25-26, 2013 | Colorado CPS Instructor Conference | TBA - SAVE THE DATES | Susan Yates |
| August 27-29, 2013 | KIM Conference | Albuquerque, NM | http://kidzinmotion.org/ |

CEU Live Webinars

| Date | Topic | How to Register |
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| April 24, 2013 from 1 pm - 2 pm ET | Safe Kids and State Farm Present: Britax Child Restraints CPS CEUs available: 1 (CHES/MCHES credit is also available) Fees/Requirements: \$0, Pre-registration is required. | http://bit.ly/Apr24-Britax |
| May 15, 2013 from 1 pm - 2 pm ET | Safe Kids and State Farm Present: Clek Child Restraints CPS CEUs available: 1 (CHES/MCHES credit is also available) Fees/Requirements: \$0, Pre-registration is required. | http://bit.ly/May15CPST |
| June 26, 2013 from 1 pm - 2 pm ET | Safe Kids and State Farm Present: Regal Lager/Cybex Child Restraints CPS CEUs available: 1 (CHES/MCHES credit is also available) Fees/Requirements: \$0, Pre-registration is required. | http://bit.ly/RegalLager2013 |

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