



## What You Need to Know about Takata Recalls

### How does Child Passenger Safety fit in?

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There are approximately 300,000 vehicles on U.S. roadways at risk for an air bag inflator rupture. Most of these vehicles are 2001-2003 Hondas and Acuras.

Research shows that these vehicles have as high as a 50% chance of an air bag rupture when deployed.

**As a CPST, we recommend that when you see one of these vehicles at a seat check, please ask the family if they have been notified of a recall and taken care of it. Encourage them to visit [SaferCar.gov](http://SaferCar.gov) to check whether their vehicle has any outstanding safety recalls.**

If the owner finds that they have a recall for a Takata airbag, they should contact their nearest dealer as soon as possible to schedule a **no-cost immediate repair**. Replacement parts for these vehicles should be on hand at the dealership.

NHTSA and their partners are working to ensure that owners of the vehicles that have the affected inflators receive the critical repair needed to protect them from additional harm in a crash. Recalls have been issued on these vehicles between 2008 and 2011.

Please see the list of the most high-risk vehicles at [http://www.nhtsa.gov/About-NHTSA/Press Releases/nhtsa\\_takata\\_high\\_risk\\_inflators\\_06302016](http://www.nhtsa.gov/About-NHTSA/Press_Releases/nhtsa_takata_high_risk_inflators_06302016).

#### **The higher-risk inflators are in these vehicles (pictured on the left):**

- 2001-2002 Honda Civic
- 2001-2002 Honda Accord
- 2002-2003 Acura TL
- 2002 Honda CR-V
- 2002 Honda Odyssey
- 2003 Acura CL
- 2003 Honda Pilot

*The air bag inflators in these particular vehicles contain a manufacturing defect which greatly increases the potential for dangerous rupture when a crash causes the air bag to deploy.*

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# UPCOMING!! Training & Classes

ENROLL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AS CLASSES FILL UP QUICKLY, AND MAY BE CANCELLED IF NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE REGISTER.

To Register for a class, visit <https://cert.safekids.org> with the course ID number provided for the class.

## KIDZ IN MOTION

**MARCH 15**

**9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Ryan's Restaurant  
519 Emily Drive  
Clarksburg, WV

To Register, Contact:  
Lisa Hall at (304) 622-6300 or  
[lhall@cityofclarksburgwv.com](mailto:lhall@cityofclarksburgwv.com)

## CPST CERTIFICATION

**APRIL 4 - 7**

**9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

Camden Clark Memorial Hospital / South Tower  
1st floor, Cafe 1 & 2 Conference Rooms  
800 Garfield Avenue  
Parkersburg, WV  
Course ID# WV2017011787

Questions? Contact:  
Toni Tiano at (304) 481-6409  
or [tianoknopp@suddenlink.net](mailto:tianoknopp@suddenlink.net)

**MAY 9 - 12**

**9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

Bluefield State College  
Dickason Hall / Tierney Conference Center  
219 Rock Street, Room 441  
Bluefield, WV  
Course ID# WV2017010412

Questions? Contact:  
Adam Ballard at (304) 327-4265  
or [AMBallard@wvchsp.org](mailto:AMBallard@wvchsp.org)

Do you want to give a SHOUT OUT to your community partners who help with child passenger safety but don't get enough recognition for the good they do?

LET US KNOW @ [DMVGHSP@WV.GOV](mailto:DMVGHSP@WV.GOV)



CPST certifications are ONLY good for 2 years.

Visit <https://cert.safekids.org/im-tech> for information on how to keep your certification up to date.

## NEW CPS FITTING STATIONS

### WAYNE

#### TEAM FOR WV CHILDREN

11545 Route 152  
Wayne, WV 25530

**Site contact:**

Paula Newsome  
[paula@teamwv.org](mailto:paula@teamwv.org)  
304-272-6692 ext. 207

### WINFIELD

#### PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

236 Courthouse Drive  
Suite 8  
Winfield, WV 25213

**Site contacts:**

Deputies Savilla, Best, Jordan,  
McDaniel, Temple, and Harrison  
304-586-0256

FOR A COMPLETE LIST  
OF FITTING STATIONS  
VISIT OUR WEBPAGE AT  
[WWW.DMV.WV.GOV/CPS](http://WWW.DMV.WV.GOV/CPS)

AND CLICK THE BUTTON  
BELOW.





## Buckle Up Bear on the Town

Getting the Message out on Seat Belt Safety

Buckle Up Bear (BUB) appeared at downtown Clarksburg's Trick or Treat night. He surprised the kids at the CPS informational booth with bicycle safety, back to school safety, and seat belt safety books to approximately 1400 children!

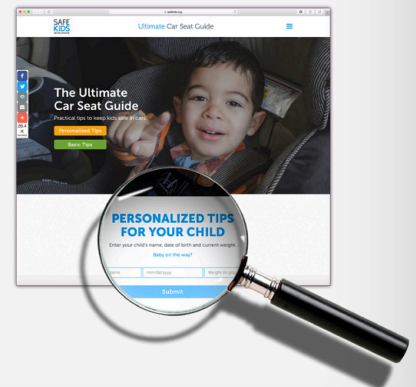
BUB also appeared in back-to-back Christmas parades to encourage onlookers to BUCKLE UP in Clarksburg and Bridgeport.



We know that parents, especially new parents, can find car seat buying and installing challenging. That's why Safe Kids created The Ultimate Car Seat Guide.

This new tool offers easy-to-understand tips and how-to videos on choosing the right car seat, how to install it and when to change to the next type of seat. Advice covers all stages of a child's development, from the first car seat until the child is ready to ride with a seat belt, and it can be personalized to the child's age and weight. The right car seat, installed and used correctly, can greatly reduce the risk of fatal injuries in a car crash.

Not every parent can make it to a car seat check-up event, but now with the Ultimate Car Seat Guide, expert tips are available to all.



### Visit

<https://www.safekids.org/ultimate-car-seat-guide/> and check it out.

## Important CPST REMINDER

**Report your CPS Activities Monthly!** It is vital that CPSTs and fitting stations send in their monthly reports to their **Regional Coordinators**. Reporting your progress is essential in maintaining funding for the Child Passenger Safety Program.

## PROPER Booster Seat Fit

### OUT of boosters!?

Although state law says 8 years old AND 4'9"... the most important factor here is **HEIGHT** not AGE. The child needs to be tall enough to fit in the seat belt correctly.

For booster seat ratings, visit <http://www.iihs.org/boosters>.



PROPER FIT



IMPROPER FIT



**Shoulder belt fit** - The shoulder belt should fit snugly across the middle of the child's shoulder. If it falls off the shoulder or rests on the child's neck, it won't work as well.



An improper fit could encourage the child to move the belt to a dangerous position, such as behind the back or under the arm.



**Lap belt fit** - The lap belt should lie flat and on top of the thighs.



It should not lie higher up on the abdomen.



PROPER FIT



IMPROPER FIT

# OTHER CPS HAPPENINGS

## TECHTIPS #2

COURTESY OF LISA HALL, CPST



Lisa is a GHSP Regional Coordinator for Barbour, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Taylor, and Upshur Counties. Lisa offers these valuable tips and reminders for fellow CPSTs.

\* All techs are required to participate in at least ONE community outreach project during your two-year cycle in order to retain your certification.

\* Team up with other techs at events to share the workload and learn from one another.

\* The more hands-on CPS work you do, the more confident you become.

\* Don't hesitate to show up at an event to help - more techs are always welcome!

## GOING BEYOND SEAT CHECKS



Everyone who is a CPST knows that various community agencies are involved with children who use child safety seats. Have you ever considered approaching them about teaching their staff, parents, etc. about proper child safety seat use and installations?

As a CPST you understand the value of keeping children safe. Presenting information at health fairs, community fairs, schools, childcare providers, parent groups, and other groups can be great ways to share this essential information.

For suggestions and ideas, check out the Youtube video from the National Child Passenger Safety Board linked below to help you plan how to get involved in your community!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cu1DiC1Cins>

## WV CPS BY THE NUMBERS

Total Current Technicians	269	Seats Purchased (since 10/1/2016)	257
Total Current Fitting Stations	46	ID Stickers Distributed	7,348
Seat Installations (since 10/1/2016)	689	CPS Events (since 10/1/2016)	17

## CPS/DUI Checkpoint Ceredo, WV

The Ceredo Police Department held a joint DUI-CPS Checkpoint with the Kenova Police Department on Friday, August 26, 2016 at U.S. Route. 60 & 6th Street West.

CPS Technician Steve Amis checked sixteen child safety seats to ensure proper fit and passed out child safety seat materials to the drivers and children.

The event was not only a success for CPS. A designated driver made numerous trips back and forth through the checkpoint transporting people to their homes; keeping others on the road safe!

Both departments wish to extend a special thanks to the Patty Edwards State Farm Insurance office of Ceredo for the use of their parking lot and the Wayne County Emergency Services Office for the use of the portable light tower.



## COMING SOON!

A CPS Facebook Group will be available soon! The group will be used as an information sharing resource and communication tool for all CPSTs throughout West Virginia. Watch your email inbox for more information!

FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016

**WV CPST  
RECERTIFICATIONS  
WERE @ 58.2%**

2% ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

# OTHER CPS HAPPENINGS

## TAKE NOTICE!

### WE'RE LOOKING FOR CPST PROXIES!

A Technician Proxy is a CPST or Instructor Candidate who successfully applies to provide seat check reviews and sign-offs for recertification. You must be certified for at least six months in order to apply to be a proxy.

The GHSP would like to have several across the state. Please contact WV CPS Coordinator Amy Boggs at [Amy.M.Boggs@wv.gov](mailto:Amy.M.Boggs@wv.gov) for more information.

### FOSTER CARE SEAT DISTRIBUTION:

Due to car seat allowances and funds provided to children in WV Foster Care and the time in which children may be in the care of a foster parent, the GHSP does NOT provide child safety seats or devices to foster parents. The CPS Program Guidelines have been updated to reflect this as well.

### WV CPSTs SHOULD FOLLOW "BEST PRACTICES"

Unfortunately, WV laws on CPS are very general and car seat instructions don't always offer the safest directions for use. WV Law does not require children under 13 to ride in the back seat, but as CPSTs we advise parents and caregivers that the backseat is safest, as that is the best practice. It is also a best practice to keep children rear-facing until at least the age of two; though seats may advise you can forward face sooner. As a CPST you always want to inform parents and caregivers of best practices. They are always SAFEST!



**USE YOUR RESOURCES!**  
Utilize your GHSP Regional Coordinator for resources, training, and to find out about upcoming CPS events!

**SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS?**  
Are you interested in attending a CPS course that provides you with information about special needs children and child safety seats? Let us know! We are working hard to try arrange a class in state. Watch your email for more information at a later date.



Margaret Walker, GHSP Regional Coordinator at the "Young Lives" Harvest Party at Asbury United Methodist Church in Charles Town, WV. She provided information to expectant mothers and provided one CPS seat.

## Why are YOU a CPST and WHY do you recertify every two years?

Let us know at [DMVGHSP@WV.GOV](mailto:DMVGHSP@WV.GOV) and we'll publish your responses in the next newsletter!

**DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR...**

- TECHNICIAN TIPS
- PICTURES AND STORIES
- UPCOMING CLASSES & EVENTS
- CPST QUESTIONS

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE RELEASED SOON! PLEASE SEND YOUR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEXT EDITION TO [DMVGHSP@WV.GOV](mailto:DMVGHSP@WV.GOV) WITH THE SUBJECT LINE "CPS NEWSLETTER".

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO TO KEEP WV CHILDREN SAFE!

