



Feeling HOT, HOT, HOT?

The summer months bring sunshine, heat and lots of car seat check events! Our first priority at any seat check is safety. That usually means making sure every child leaves safer than when they arrived. You educate caregivers on making sure their precious cargo is being transported as safely as possible, but do you also educate them on the dangers of hyperthermia? The interior of a vehicle heats up rapidly, even on overcast days. This increase in temperature can be fatal for a child who is left inside of a vehicle intentionally or unintentionally. There are several tips for caregivers to make sure a change in routine doesn't cause them to accidentally forget their child inside the car. For more information on heatstroke, check out these tips from [Safe Kids Worldwide](#) and [NHTSA](#).

Taking care of yourself during seat checks must also be high on your priority list, as the dangers of the sun and heat do not only apply to the children and families we serve. If you are working alone, make sure to bring plenty of water to drink so you stay hydrated and wear sunscreen to protect you.

If you are hosting an event, provide your techs and volunteers with enough cold water to make sure they stay at the top of their game, and bring sunscreen for those who may have forgotten to bring their own. For large events, assign a volunteer to be responsible for hydration and sun protection. Having a person whose only job is making sure the techs and volunteers stay "sun smart" throughout the event assures

everyone stays safe. If you are an instructor, tech proxy or senior checker, make sure they drink water each time they work with you. Keep a cooler next to where the checklists are turned in to keep hydration top of mind. Our goal is to make sure everyone leaves safer than they arrive, and that includes the technicians and event volunteers.

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Upcoming CPS Technician Courses

Listed below are future technician courses, click the link to register.

September 13-15: [Dodge City](#)
(Western State Bank Expo Center)

September 20: [Leawood](#)
(Leawood Police Department) ***One-Day CPS Renewal Course**

September 21-24: [Leawood](#) (Leawood Police Department)

October 18-20: [Hutchinson](#) (Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center)



2016 CPS Technician Courses

Mythbuster!

MYTH: Children **MUST** stay rear facing until two years old!!!

FACT: Obviously, we all know children are the absolute safest when they remain in their car seats rear facing as long as the child fits the height and weight requirements of the car seat manufacturer. Even the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) recommends that children remain in their rear facing car seats until at least age two! However in Kansas, the law does not specify how long a child needs to remain rear facing.

Your job as a Child Passenger Safety Technician is to educate and encourage caregivers to choose the safest way for their children to travel, *but the caregiver has the final responsibility to decide how the child will ride in a vehicle.*

Got Pictures? Show Off YOUR Event!

We would like to highlight CPS events from around the state.



In July, we added 10 new certified CPS technicians during a training course in Augusta.



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