



Our chance to educate drivers

Child Passenger Safety Technicians do so much to help keep children safe, from car seat checks to assisting parents and caregivers to understand all they can do to prevent unintentional injuries in and around cars.

In 2015, the [nation lost 35,092 people on U.S. roadways](#), a 7.2 percent increase, which was the largest percentage increase in nearly 50 years. Contributing to the increase were alcohol and distracted driving crashes.

As technicians we have the opportunity to educate our nation's drivers. As you explain all the details about the direction of the car seat, take time to let them know when the child is moved to the forward-facing position that they are now observing and learning how to drive. They are also watching the driver talk on their phone, eat a hamburger, roll through a stop sign or drive while under the influence. They are watching the speed and interaction the driver is having as they travel the streets to their destination. Children are great imitators. So, take a moment and encourage the parents and caregivers to give their children something great to imitate.

Upcoming CPS Technician Courses

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

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



November 2-4: [Colby](#)
(Colby Fire Department)

November 15-17: [Emporia \(Class Full\)](#)
(K-State Research and Extension Service, Lyon County)

March 7-9, 2017: [Hutchinson](#)
(Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center)

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Mythbuster!

MYTH: Filling out a CPS check form (either KTSRO's or Safe Kids) completely isn't necessary.

FACT: We know that in everyday life, we all are trying to do more and we might feel the need to take shortcuts or put off completing the paperwork until we have more time. However, the check form serves two purposes:

First, it serves to **CYA - Cover Your Agency!** If a car seat you checked is in a car crash, and that child is injured or worse, killed, the parents

may think that you didn't do your job correctly. Should you find yourself in a situation where you need to prove how the seat was when it left you, it would be very difficult to rely on your memory. It is important to fill out the form completely, so you can look back and know exactly how that seat left. When a parent or caregiver initials on the back, they have agreed to everything you taught them as well as what is written on the form.

Secondly, KTSRO tracks much of the information you provide from that form. This data is reported to the Kansas Department of Transportation as well as the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as a count of what is happening in Kansas, which also helps support funding. Overall, while we know time is limited and everyone has many responsibilities they are trying to juggle, it is very important to fill out the CPS check forms completely!

[CPS check form review](#)

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