

Training the Next Cohort of Car Seat Experts

Ask any parent or caregiver--car seats can be confusing! So much has changed in the past 20 years and depending on your car, car seat, child's age, weight, height and developmental level there are so many variables to consider.

Child Passenger Safety Technicians are the key to taking confusion out of this safety equipment.

Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPSTs or Car Seat Techs) have a very intensive training program to complete before they can be certified. That training includes a 4 day course which covers all manner of motor vehicle safety, from seat belt systems, airbags, crash dynamics, and motor vehicle safety standards. They learn about all of the different types of car seat systems for various children. Once certified, they must complete car seat installation sign-offs, continuing education units, and community events in order to recertify every 2 years.

This March 2nd-5th, Safe Kids Grand Forks will be hosting a course in East Grand Forks. This class, which is offered annually, is earlier than is typical--guaranteeing that these new technicians will be trained and ready to go before the summer travel season.

Car seat technicians have the opportunity to specialize in various other passenger safety topics with courses that earn endorsements on their certification. These include securement for children with special needs, child passenger safety on school buses, and securement for pregnant vehicle occupants.

Kids Don't Come with Manuals - But Their Car Seats Do!

If you have any questions about our Child Passenger Safety Program or becoming a CPST, please contact us at 701-780-1489 or safekids@altru.org



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