



At Riley Hospital for Children, Indiana University School of Medicine

## New Safety Regulation Proposed to Protect Children and the Elderly

In Dec. 2010, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) proposed a new safety regulation aimed at preventing accidental injuries and fatalities to pedestrians in low-speed, back-up accidents. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) requires blindzones behind vehicles be eliminated by expanding the required field of view for all passenger vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of up to 10,000 pounds. In order to meet the



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In this photo: Cameron Gulbransen

proposed standards, automobile manufacturers will install rear mounted video cameras and in-vehicle displays. Ten percent of new vehicles must comply by Sept. 2012, 40 percent by Sept. 2013, and 100 percent by Sept. 2014.

The proposed safety regulation was required by Congress as part of the Cameron Gulbransen Kids Transportation Safety Act of 2007. In Oct. 2002, Dr. Greg Gulbransen backed over his two year old son, Cameron, resulting in his death. That evening, Leslie and Greg Gulbransen had returned home from dinner with friends. Cameron had been put to bed by the babysitter, but had wakened when he heard his parents' voices. Cameron was inside the house with his mother when Dr. Gulbransen went outside to back his SUV into the driveway to avoid backing it out in the morning due to the amount of children that passed by the driveway on their way to school. Before Dr. Gulbransen shifted into reverse, he checked his rearview and side mirrors and looked over his shoulder to be sure there were no obstructions. A second after reversing, he felt a bump at his front wheel and exited the vehicle to find his son unconscious and bleeding.

“The steps we are taking today will help reduce back-over fatalities and injuries not only to children, but to the elderly, and other pedestrians,” said NHTSA Administrator David Strickland. On average, NHTSA estimates that 18,000 injuries and 292 fatalities occur each year as a result of back-over crashes. Children and the elderly are affected the most by these statistics. To find this data and other related information, you can visit NHTSA’s website at [www.nhtsa.gov/](http://www.nhtsa.gov/).

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## Making a Difference

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Terri Jones, Clarian Arnett Health and Permanent Fitting Station Coordinator, submitted the following summary of one of her fitting station appointments:

“A family came to our fitting station that had 6 children. They were riding in a 7-passenger, 2000, mini-van. The children were ages 9 months, 3 years, 5 years, 7 years, 8 years and 10 years. The only child in a child restraint was the 9 month old, and she was forward facing in a combination seat with no labels on it. All the children were riding in shoulder/lap belts except the 5 year old who was in the center of the 3<sup>rd</sup> row in a lap only belt. The family was very low income. We gave them a convertible seat for the 9 month old, a combination seat for the 3 year old, and belt positioning booster seats for the 5 and 7 year old. We put the 3 year old in the combination seat in the center rear seat with lap belt only because she had the harness.

While working with the family, we noticed the 3<sup>rd</sup> row vehicle seat wasn't locked into place. Someone had taken the seat out and when they put it back in, the back of the rear fastener was fastened but the front wasn't. Because the front wasn't fastened, the seat would tip backwards, so the family had put a big rock under the seat to keep it level. The seat had become bent and now we couldn't get it out to re-install it properly.

We called the auto dealership and asked them if they had any recommendations, because it was incredibly unsafe the way it was. The mechanic said to bring it over and he would remove the seat. We told him that the family had no money and he agreed to look at it for no charge. It took him about a half an hour, several tools, and a couple of helpers to get the seat free. Then he took it into the shop and straightened the bent angle, and reinstalled it in the car for them. As promised, he didn't charge a thing. The whole process took about 4 hours from the time the family arrived, but they are so much safer now. Mom spoke very little English, but she was grateful for all we did and gave the tech a big hug. We all went home dirty and sweaty that day, but knew we had made a difference in the lives of some beautiful children.”

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## New Permanent Fitting Stations

Please join us in welcoming the following three new sites to Indiana's network of permanent fitting stations:

Bethel Christian Life Center, Tippecanoe County, coordinated by Thomas Sholty

Chesterton Police Department, Porter County, coordinated by David Lohse

Community Services of Starke County, coordinated by Joan Haugh

## All Pro Dad Father & Kids Experience

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The Automotive Safety Program and the Buckle Up Bug once again joined the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute at the *All Pro Dad Father & Kids Experience* at the Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 1600 parents and children participated in the event that focuses on strengthening the bonds between fathers and their children. Indianapolis Colts Coach Jim Caldwell, along with many other speakers, was present to provide encouragement and tips on becoming an All Pro Dad.

For more information on All Pro Dad, visit [www.AllProDad.com](http://www.AllProDad.com).



The Buckle-Up Bug takes a moment to pose with crash test dummies Vince & Larry

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## The Indiana State Police Receives Project L.O.V.E. Award



Pictured:

Ryan Klitzsch, ICJI; Major Tom Melville, ISP; Marnita Louzon, ASP

Congratulations to the Indiana State Police Versailles District for receiving the Project L.O.V.E. (Law Officer Voucher & Enforcement) award at the 16<sup>th</sup> annual OPO (Operation Pull Over) Awards Banquet held November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Ritz Charles in Carmel, Indiana. Major Melville accepted the award that was presented to the State Police for distributing the most vouchers during the 2009-2010 grant year, with a 100% redemption rate.

Thank you to all of the law enforcement officers and agencies that participate in Project L.O.V.E.

If you are interested in learning more about Project L.O.V.E., please contact Marnita Louzon at 1-800-KID-N-CAR.

# Tech Update

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## **Free Kit Available from Britax for Lock-Off Use**

In the current market, there are several models of child seats that include built-in lock-offs. Some child seats direct you to use one lock-off, while others say to use two. In late July, Britax launched new convertibles (Roundabout 55, Boulevard 70, Boulevard 70 CS, Marathon 70, and Advocate 70 CS) instructing that both lock-offs be used during rear and forward facing installations. Since the launch of the products, it has been determined that the convenience button on some vehicle seat belts interfere with the closing of the lock-off on the retractor side. The convenience button on a seat belt keeps the latch plate from sliding down into the bight of the vehicle seat. Britax has made minor changes to the products, including printed material, which requires lock-off use on the buckle side only for either rear or forward facing installations. This change was implemented on October 5, 2010. A free kit can be requested for seats manufactured that instructed the use of both lock-offs. Customer service should be contacted at 1-888-427-4829. Please have the serial number and manufacture date available in order to acquire the kit if necessary. Be sure to always refer to the instructions for each model for how to correctly use the lock-off(s) with that particular child restraint. If you have any questions, please contact Sara Tilton at [Sarah.Tilton@Britax.com](mailto:Sarah.Tilton@Britax.com).

## **Nominations Needed for First Annual Recognition Award of CPS Technicians and Instructors**

The National Child Passenger Safety Board is accepting nominations for their first annual recognition awards. If you know of an exemplary technician or instructor who has demonstrated outstanding CPS contributions in 2010, the National Child Passenger Safety Board would like to know. Each of this year's winners (one technician and one instructor) will receive a \$500 cash award from the American Automobile Association (AAA). Please submit your nominations no later than January 3, 2011. For information, eligibility, guidelines, and applications, visit [www.cpsboard.org/awards.htm](http://www.cpsboard.org/awards.htm). The winner must agree to have their picture and name publicized. The winners will be recognized and announced nationally on the CPS Board web site, in the *CPS Express* and the *Tech Update*.

## **New CEU Opportunities Available**

A new CEU opportunity is available from the Britax Extranet called *Next Generation Convertible Seats Features and Basic Installation*. The online session will include information on lock-offs.

On all technicians' online profiles, there is direct access to a variety of online CEUs, including NHTSA, [www.SafeKidsWebinars.org](http://www.SafeKidsWebinars.org), Evenflo and Britax.

To access online opportunities through your online profile:

1. Log into your current technician profile
2. Scroll down under your Action Items and click on ONLINE CEU (under your recertification cycle)
3. Select your online CEU location

Also, the "Fact or Fiction" CPS CEU presentation and quiz on the [www.cpsboard.org](http://www.cpsboard.org) site has been revised and posted. The direct link to the Earn CEUs Online page is [www.cpsboard.org/ceus.htm](http://www.cpsboard.org/ceus.htm). Click on the link or scroll down to "Link to Session and Quiz 3: Fact or Fiction (Rev. November 12, 2010)" to view this revised presentation and quiz.



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REMINDER: Be sure to log your earned CEUs in your online profile. You may recertify up to four months before your certification expiration date without losing any time, so don't delay!! If you have questions, please contact April Brooks at [apbrooks@iupui.edu](mailto:apbrooks@iupui.edu) or 1-800-KID-N-CAR.

### **Orbit Baby Offers Training Seat Discounts to CPS Technicians**

A discount Training Seat Program for CPS technicians has been announced by Orbit Baby. The Orbit Baby Toddler Car Seat (convertible) and the Orbit Baby Infant Car Seat G2 are available for purchase at a discounted rate to CPS technicians interested in using the seat for educational purposes such as providing national certification or certification renewal courses. You must be able to provide a copy of your wallet card as proof of CPST status.

Technician-centered information, installation videos and the application can be found at [www.orbitbaby.com/cps](http://www.orbitbaby.com/cps). If you have any questions, you can contact Orbit Baby's CPS technicians at [cps@orbitbaby.com](mailto:cps@orbitbaby.com).

### **New and Improved Buckle-Up Bug!!**

The new Buckle-Up Bug mascot is available for loan for all your events promoting safety belt use. If you are interested in renting the costume, please contact April Brooks at [apbrooks@iupui.edu](mailto:apbrooks@iupui.edu) or 1-800-KID-N-CAR.

Please be mindful of the following requirements:

- The Buckle-Up Bug is to be used for public service ONLY and cannot be used for soliciting funds.
- The Buckle-Up Bug cannot be reserved for personal use.
- The Buckle-Up Bug is a NON-SPEAKING character and should communicate only through appropriate gestures.
- The Automotive Safety Program logo must remain attached to the suit at all times.
- The Buckle-Up Bug is to be used for promoting safety belt use only.



- A \$10 fee is required upon pickup of the costume. The Automotive Safety program accepts checks and money orders. Checks can be made payable to Indiana University.
- A late fee of \$10 per day will be assessed beginning the first day immediately following the due date.
- Use care in handling the Buckle-Up Bug. DO NOT grasp head by antennae.
- Before you put on the mascot, be sure to wear appropriate clothing.

The new Buckle-Up Bug has a wider stomach, zips up the front, improved mouth and antennae, and a newly designed belt and buckle.

## RECALLS

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### **Britax** — Model: Chaperone Infant Car Seat

- Manufactured April, 2009 — May, 2010 for model numbers E9L69N9, E9L69P2, E9L69P3, E9L69P5
- The Chest Clip supplied with the Chaperone Infant Car Seat was incorrectly produced by the manufacturer, which resulted in a more brittle chest clip than was intended. As a result, the chest clip, which positions the harness straps across the infant's shoulders, may break when the chest clip is engaged as the infant is secured into the infant car seat. The sharp edges of the broken chest clip create a risk of a skin laceration and the fractured components of the chest clip may present a small parts/choking hazard.
- If the chest clip breaks, remove the broken chest clip from the harness along with any fragments. The Chaperone Infant Car Seat can continue to be used until the replacement chest clip is installed.



Contact Customer Service at 1-888-427-4829 or [www.ChaperoneSeatRecall.com](http://www.ChaperoneSeatRecall.com) for replacement chest clip and instruction sheet. The model and manufacture date from Chaperone Infant Car Seat will be necessary information when calling or viewing the posted information on line.

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### **Evenflo** — Model: Maestro

- Manufactured November 24, 2009 through April 9, 2010 for model Numbers beginning with 310
- In the event of a crash, a crack may form at the front of the seat adjacent to the harness adjuster causing the child not to be adequately restrained, increasing the risk of injury.
- Evenflo recommends that the seat not be used with children <40 pounds until repaired. Use as a booster for children >40 pounds is OK.

Evenflo will provide owners and care givers a reinforcement plate along with repair instructions free of charge. Contact Evenflo toll-free at 1-800-233-5921.



## Mark Your Calendar

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### **NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Technician Training**

February 1-4, 2011

Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department

Crown Point, IN

Cost - \$75.00

Contact: April Brooks, 1.800.543.6227

[apbrooks@iupui.edu](mailto:apbrooks@iupui.edu)

### **Lifesavers Conference**

March 27-29, 2011

Phoenix Convention Center

Phoenix, AZ

National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities

[www.lifesaversconference.org](http://www.lifesaversconference.org)

### **2011 Indiana Injury Prevention Conference and 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Safety Advocate Awards**

June 6-7, 2011

University Place Conference Center and Hotel

Indianapolis, IN

Contact: Autumn McNichols, 1.800.543.6227

[autmnic@iupui.edu](mailto:autmnic@iupui.edu)

### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Kidz In Motion Conference**

August 11-13, 2011

The Omni at ChampionsGate Hotel

ChampionsGate, FL (Just SW of Orlando, FL)

National Conference Dedicated to  
Child Passenger Safety Professionals

[www.kidzinmotion.org](http://www.kidzinmotion.org)

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