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MADE IN THE USA A MUST WITH ASP FUNDS



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As more and more child restraint manufacturers and models are introduced into the market place, clarification of the Buy America Act is warranted. The Buy America Act prohibits the use of federal highway safety grant funds to purchase iron, steel, or manufactured products, which includes child safety seats and CPS trainings materials, unless they are made and/or assembled in the United States.

Organizations or agencies that receive federal funding from the ASP are required to purchase products that comply with the Buy America Act. The ASP can provide order forms from manufacturers to make it easier to determine which child restraints are compliant. For example, many child restraints from Dorel Juvenile Group and Evenflo would be acceptable to purchase with funds provided by ASP. Mercury Distributing offers locking clips and pool noodles that are made in the USA.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) may waive the requirements of the Buy America Act if the materials and products under the act are not produced in sufficient or reasonable quantities in the United States or are not of satisfactory quality. For example, the Huggable Images dolls used for CPS training are manufactured in China; therefore they were not an option for technicians to purchase and use for training purposes. However, the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) Office of Highway Safety submitted an application to NHTSA to waive the Huggable Images dolls because they felt the dolls were uniquely suited for CPS training and there were no manufacturers in the U.S. that met the needs of the CPS community. NHTSA granted the request until September 15, 2015 when the waiver expires. ITD plans to apply for another waiver after the expiration date in September.

For more information about the Buy America Act as it pertains to the ASP, please contact Marnita Louzon (for PFS questions) at mlouzon@iu.edu or April Brooks (for car seat clinics) at apbrooks@iu.edu or call the ASP main phone line at 317-274-2977.

Making a Difference

Sharon Hartwell has been a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician for 17 years and coordinates the Child Safety Seat Inspection Station at IU Health White Memorial Hospital. Sharon was recently honored with the IU Health President's Values Leadership Award for Support Staff. The IU Health Pulse page reported:

"Sharon Hartwell has worked at IU Health White Memorial Hospital for 20 years. Currently, she has several jobs that support the health and well-being of patients. She provides inpatient activities therapy services, supports the Emergency Department and teaches CPR and EMT classes to colleagues.

Hartwell is also very active in the community teaching classes related to health and safety, and volunteering time for various community events. Following a tragic death of a toddler due to an incorrectly installed child safety seat she became a certified child passenger safety technician and now works with police and fire departments, as well as car dealers and Child Protective Services to promote car seat safety throughout White County.

According to her award nomination, Hartwell is passionate, compassionate, dedicated and known to be the first to help a colleague in need."

Child Safety Seat Inspection Stations

During the first quarter of the 2014-2015 grant year (October – December, 2014) Indiana's network of child safety seat inspection stations reported a total of 1,910 inspections and distributed 789 car seats to children in need. In addition, 31 Project L.O.V.E. vouchers were redeemed.

Thanks to all those involved for your hard work and your dedication to child passenger safety!

Please join us in welcoming the following new sites to Indiana's network of child safety seat inspection stations:

- Franciscan St. Margaret Health Lake County Coordinated by Jennifer Homan
- Prairieton Volunteer Fire Department Vigo County Coordinated by Kourtney Cochran

Visit www.preventinjury.org for a complete listing of Indiana's child safety seat inspection stations.

Funding Available to Open a Child Safety Seat Inspection Station

The Automotive Safety Program currently has funding available for organizations that are interested in establishing a Child Safety Seat Inspection Station. Cost-reimbursement grants are provided in the amount of \$2,000.00 for newly established inspection stations.

An agency must sign an agreement, which outlines the terms of the grant. Some of the main requirements that the agency must agree to are:

- Provide a safe place to conduct inspections, including space for education at the client's vehicle
- Provide a storage area for child safety seats and supplies
- Spend grant money only on pre-approved items (which are listed in the agreement)
- Provide hands-on instruction by a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician to parents and caregivers on child safety seat use and installation
- Be open a minimum of 10 hours per month for appointments
- Document each inspection on an *Automotive Safety Program Check Up Form*
- Provide replacement child safety seats to parents/caregivers who meet low income financial eligibility, if necessary
- Redeem Project L.O.V.E. vouchers
- Report monthly activity

Please contact Marnita Louzon at mllouzon@iu.edu or 1.800.543.6227 if you have any questions or are interested in establishing a child safety seat inspection station at your organization.

Tech Tidbits!

TECH NEWS

Britax recently announced that they will discontinue the rear-tethering option on their convertible child restraints because they feel rear tethering has become less compatible with modern vehicles. This change will be reflected in future CR owner's manuals. Many vehicles are now equipped with electronic occupant protection systems that are underneath the front seats, so when instructions are followed, rear tethering often interferes with these components. Also, when the rear tethering option is used where the tether goes over the child and is connected to the actual tether anchor in the vehicle, caregivers have complained that it is difficult to get a child in and out of the car seat because the tether anchor is in the way. Britax has stated that the rear tether update is not retroactive and the changes will be phased in over the next few months. As the CR manuals are revised, they can be found online at www.britaxusa.com/support/user-guides. Britax recommends purchasing the anti-rebound bar to better protect children in the rear-facing mode. The anti-rebound bar attaches to the front of Britax convertible car seats and limits the amount of rebound in a frontal crash. It is only for use in rear-facing installations. The anti-rebound bar is compatible with Britax convertible car seats manufactured after June 2010 (excluding the Classic and ClickTight convertibles). To purchase the anti-rebound bar, visit: www.britaxusa.com/store. MSRP: \$20.



Anti-rebound bar accessory
Courtesy: Britax

Evenflo and Dorel recently decided it was no longer necessary to provide locking clips with their child restraints because they tend to be misused more often than not. For Evenflo seats, a flier comes with the car seat that states that no locking clip is provided and that if the caregiver has a vehicle from 1996 or newer, then it is likely to have a vehicle belt system that can be locked when tightened, and will not require a locking clip. If a locking clip is needed, Evenflo gives a toll free number that the caregiver can call to have a locking clip sent to them along with instructions on how to use it.



Courtesy of: Britax

Tech Tidbits! (cont'd)

For anyone who uses the SaferCar free App from NHTSA, there is now an upgrade to include recall information, which can be viewed on your iOS or Android device. The App allows users to look up recalls by scrolling through a list of brand and model options.



Courtesy: www.trafficsafetyguy.com

The 2015 LATCH Manual is now available for purchase. It has a lot of new information and technical updates and is focused on assisting technicians curbside. Some of the changes are as follows:

- ◇ Explains how to use CRs made before and after the amendments to FMVSS 213 went into effect in 2014.
- ◇ In Appendix A, CR manufacturers indicate when the lower anchor attachment weight limit labels began to appear on their CRs, what weight limits are given, and whether those weight limits will be changed (or already been changed) to reflect the rounding that is allowed.
- ◇ Also in Appendix A, new details on inflatable seat belt policies and the differences with Canadian usage, QR codes for quick access to manufacturer instructions and/or videos, and tables with CR model weights.
- ◇ In Appendix B, 11 of the 51 vehicle brands indicate LATCH weight limits have been revised since the 2013 edition.
- ◇ Also in Appendix B, updated bullets to provide expanded information on head restraints, cargo covers, tether routing, and tether anchor retrofit kit availability.
- ◇ Appendix C is now dedicated to providing information on using LATCH in the center seating position.
- ◇ The inside front and back covers now have information pertaining to recertification, how to subscribe to LATCH Manual updates, and general CPS resources.

Technicians can earn 1 CEU for completing the 2015 LATCH Manual quiz, which can be found on the Safe Ride News website at www.saferideneews.com. When you go to the website, select “CPSTs/Professionals” and then “Recertification CEUs from SRN.”



Courtesy: Safe Ride News

Tech Tidbits! (cont'd)

This May is the second annual CPST Month to promote CPS certification; therefore, Safe Kids will send limited edition CPST Month 2015 pins to May lead instructors to share with the teaching team. Safe Kids' goal is to have 100 courses taught in May. So, if you are thinking about teaching a course soon, then consider having the class sometime during the month of May to help Safe Kids meet their goal.

PROUD TO BE A
CPST
2015

Courtesy: Safe Kids Worldwide

This month, NHTSA announced its first ever campaign targeted toward parents of tweens (children ages 8-14). This advertising campaign aims to assure all kids in this age range consistently and properly wear their seat belt every time they are in a moving vehicle. U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx says, "Buckling up is an important habit to instill in children at a young age. As parents, we need to lead by example and reinforce the message to make sure it sticks. This campaign urges parents to never give up until their kids buckle up." To learn more about this campaign and review the advertising material, visit <http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/TweenSeatBeltSafety>.



Courtesy: NHTSA

In January, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released their state fact sheets, which provide a snapshot of motor vehicle occupant deaths and seat belt use for each state in the U.S. The fact sheets also provide an overview of proven strategies for increasing the use of seat belts, car seats, and booster seats. To download a copy of the fact sheet for Indiana, visit http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/pdf/seatbelts/restraint_use_in_in.pdf.



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™

Courtesy: CDC

Tech Tidbits! (cont'd)

A new web-based toolkit was developed by NHTSA and the National Latino Children's Institute (NLCI) to educate immigrant Hispanics about the importance of seat belts and increase their use in the population. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), traffic crashes are the leading cause of death in the U.S. for Hispanics under age 34. NLCI learned that the greatest motivator for the Hispanic population is through the importance of family; therefore, the toolkit uses images and phrases related to family to help motivate seat belt use. To learn more about the toolkit, visit <http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/HispanicBuckleUpToolkit>.

RESEARCH

Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety recently released, "2015 Roadmap of State Highway Safety Laws – Lethal Loopholes." This report discusses loopholes in state highway safety laws, which results in unprotected drivers and passengers, which then leads to preventable deaths, injuries and costs. The report is divided into five issue sections, which include:

- ◇ Occupant Protection: Primary Enforcement Seat Belts From Seat Occupants; Rear Seat Occupants; and All-Rider Motorcycle Helmets
- ◇ Child Passenger Safety: Booster Seats
- ◇ Teen Driving (GDL): Minimum Age 16 for Learner's Permit; 6-Month Holding Period; 30-50 Hours Supervised Driving; Nighttime Driving Restriction; Passenger Restriction; Cell Phone Use Restriction; and Age 18 for Unrestricted License
- ◇ Impaired Driving: Ignition Interlock Devices (IIDs) for All Offenders; Child Endangerment; and Open Container
- ◇ Distracted Driving: All-Driver Text Messaging Restriction

According to the report, seat belts in Indiana saved 316 lives of vehicle passengers age 5 and older in 2012; however, if everyone followed the seat belt law in Indiana, there could have been another 40 people saved. Also, if Indiana had adopted a motorcycle helmet law and everyone was wearing their helmet, then 46 additional people could have survived in 2012. The report states that there were 783 fatalities on Indiana roads in 2013. Over the course of 10 years, there have been 8,256 motor vehicle deaths and the annual economic cost due to motor vehicle crashes is \$7.362 billion. The report notes that if Indiana adopted the following laws, then the fatalities and costs to residents would significantly decrease; All-rider motorcycle helmet law, GDL – minimum age 16 for learner's permit, GDL – stronger nighttime restriction provision, and ignition interlock law for all offenders. To download and/or print a copy of this report, go to http://saferoads.org/files/2015%20Roadmap%20Report%20FINAL_0.pdf.

NEW PRODUCTS

GB Asana 35 AP Rear-Facing Only

- Rear-facing: 4-35 lbs. and 32" or less
- Equipped with load leg
- Multiple crotch and hip strap positions
- Adjustable recline foot
- Push button lower anchor connectors
- Infant insert required 4-6 lbs. and optional 6-10 lbs.
- MSRP: \$249.99
- <http://gbchildusa.com/asana35.php>



Phil & Teds Alpha Rear-Facing Only

- Rear-facing: 4-35 lbs. and up to 32"
- Includes seat wedge
- Side impact protection
- Lightweight
- MSRP: \$199.99
- www.philandted.com



NEW PRODUCTS (CONT'D)

Cosco Apt 50 Convertible

- Rear-facing: 5-40 lbs. and up to 40"
- Forward-facing: 22-50 lbs. and 29"-43"
- At least 2 years old to use in forward-facing mode
- 5 harness slot positions
- Side impact protection
- Machine washable fabric
- Made in the USA
- MSRP: \$64.99
- www.djgusa.com



Cosco Scenera NEXT Convertible

- Rear-facing: 5-40 lbs. and 19" to 40"
- Forward-facing: 22-40 lbs. and 29"-43"
- At least 2 years old in forward-facing mode
- 5 harness slot positions
- 3 crotch buckle positions
- Machine washable and dryer safe seat pad
- Made in the USA
- MSRP: \$44.00
- www.djgusa.com



NEW PRODUCTS (CONT'D)

Recaro Performance Crossover Convertible

- Rear-facing: 5-40 lbs.
- Forward-facing: 23-65 lbs. and less than 49"
- Base must be used in both RF and FF modes
- Infant insert required 5-12 lbs.
- Side impact protection
- Twist resistant HERO harness
- No re-thread harness
- Single push, AutoOpen harness
- Made in the USA
- MSRP: \$399.99
- <http://recaropromotion.com/performance-crossover.html>



Chicco KidFit Booster

- Highback Booster: 30-100 lbs.
- Backless Booster: 40-110 lbs.
- Height: 38"-57"
- Lower anchor compatibility
- Deep wing side impact protection
- 10 adjustable height positions
- Machine washable seat pad
- Fold away cup holders
- Exclusively at Target
- MSRP: \$99.99
- www.chicco.com



NEW PRODUCTS (CONT'D)

Peg Perego Viaggio HBB 120

- Highback Booster: 40-120 lbs.
- Backless Booster: 40-120 lbs.
- Height: 39"-57"
- Lower anchor connectors
- 6 position adjustable headrest
- Adjustable seat bottom for recline in vehicle
- Side impact protection
- MSRP: \$199.99 — \$219.99
- www.pegperegousa.com



Mark Your Calendar

NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Technician Trainings

- ⇒ April 23-24/May 1-2, 2015
St. Joseph County — Memorial Hospital of South Bend
615 N. Michigan Street
South Bend, IN 46601
Cost: \$85
Contact: Wendy Nash, 574-993-2486
Wendals2226@yahoo.com
- ⇒ May 1-2/May 8-9, 2015
Tippecanoe County — Sheffield Township Fire Department
285 Market Street
Dayton, IN 47941
Cost: \$85
Contact: Thomas Sholty, 765-296-3955
Stfd243@mintel.net
- ⇒ May 4-7, 2015
Delaware County — Delaware County EMS Station #3
4501 E. Memorial Drive
Muncie, IN 47032
Cost: \$85
Contact: Serifatu Walton, 317-221-3145
serifatuw@gmail.com
- ⇒ May 7-8/15, 2015
Vigo County — Booker T. Washington Community Center
1101 S. 13th Street
Terre Haute, IN 47802
Cost: \$85
Contact: Brandon Halleck, 812-232-5190
bhalleck@casyonline.org
- ⇒ May 11-14, 2015
Marion County — Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health
705 Riley Hospital Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46202
Cost: \$85
Contact: April Brooks, 317-274-8380
apbrooks@iu.edu
- ⇒ June 24-27, 2015
Johnson County — White River Township Fire Department
850 N. Mullinix Road
Greenwood, IN 46143
Cost: \$85
Contact: Jennifer Hacker, 812-325-6424
Healthjen101@hotmail.com

NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Technician Renewal Course

May 8, 2015
St. Joseph County — Memorial Hospital of South Bend
615 N. Michigan Street
South Bend, IN 46601
Cost: \$85
Contact: Wendy Nash, 574-993-2486
Wendals2226@yahoo.com

Webinars

Thursday, May 21, 2015
LATCH 2015 What the Curbside Tech Needs to Know
2 pm – 3 pm EDT (East Coast/NY time)
CPS CEUs available: 1 (CHES/MCHES credit is also available)
Register: <https://attendee.gotoweinar.com/register/4011226590552509442>

2015 Indiana Injury Prevention Conference and 19th Annual Child Safety Advocate Awards

June 4-5, 2015
JW Marriott Hotel, Indianapolis, IN
Early Bird Discount ends on March 31, 2015
Full Conference Registration (Day #1 and Day #2) — \$100
Day #1 only (June 4th) — \$75
Day #2 only (June 5th) — \$75
Registration fees INCREASE on April 1, 2015
Full Conference Registration — \$125
One Day Registration — \$85
Contact: Jody Yoder at 1.800.543.6227 or
jodyoder@iu.edu or www.preventinjury.org

11th Annual Kidz In Motion (KIM) Conference

August 12-15, 2015
Omni Championsgate Resort — Orlando, FL
National Conference Dedicated to
Child Passenger Safety Professionals
www.kidzinmotion.org

National Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Week

September 13-19, 2015

National Seat Check Saturday

September 19, 2015

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