

# Safe Riders Child Passenger Safety Program Overview



The Safe Riders Child Passenger Safety Program offers classes to families to ensure car seats are installed properly.

## Contact Information

### Safe Riders Child Passenger Safety Program

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Child Passenger Safety Education and Training Program

The Safe Riders training and education program offers resources and support for parents, child passenger technicians (CPS technicians) and safety advocates in Texas.

**Car Seat Distribution** - Safe Riders refers families to educational classes that offer car seats to low-income families. After attending a Safe Riders-sponsored one-hour class, families receive a new car seat. To receive a car seat, the following requirements must be met:

- Families must state they have low income or need resources.
- A parent or primary caregiver must attend a Safe Riders-sponsored one-hour class about child passenger safety.

### National Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification

**Courses** - Safe Riders coordinates and teaches the National Child Passenger Safety (CPS) certification courses each year. Successful completion leads to a national two-year certification as a CPS technician.

**Child Passenger Safety Presentations and Trainings**— Safe Riders provides child passenger safety presentations upon request for schools, parent groups, hospitals, child passenger safety technicians and other community stakeholders. The program also offers continuing education units (CEUs) for certified technicians that need recertification.

**Car Seat Inspections/Checkups Events** – Staff refer families to checkup events. Parents and caregivers can have their child’s car seat checked for proper fit in the vehicle. At an event, CPS technicians will determine proper fit based on the child’s height and weight and development.

Depending on a CPS technician’s location, Safe Riders can make a referral to a local child passenger safety partner.



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