

Connecticut Technician Report

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New car seats coming to market

Cosco (Dorel) is planning on making a seat available by the end of the year that will go to 65 pounds with the harness. They have not released a name for the seat.

Britax has a new infant seat coming out that will have the rebound bar and also a bar to extend down to the foot area of the vehicle seat. Look for it to appear on their web site.

NADA promotes booster safety

NADA, the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA), has launched a "Boost for Safety" campaign to highlight the life-saving effects of booster seats. In October, booster seat events will be conducted by dealers nationwide as part of the campaign.

Multicultural CPS materials from NHTSA

NHTSA has culturally specific programs and materials available on their website at www.nhtsa.dot.gov/multicultural. This is a great resource to work with different groups within your community on CPS. Additionally, other traffic safety issues are represented as well.

Nissan cars and car seats

In case you missed it on the listserve, Nissan has come out with a new tool to help parents find a car seat that is compatible for their vehicles. Go to www.nissanusa.com - go to the top right hand side of the web page to "owning" then scroll down and click on "child safety". This will

bring you to the Snug KIDS section which will list the cars they manufacture - click on a specific model and it will tell you which child car seats they say will fit in that particular vehicle and in what seating position.

Current CPS Statistics

From *CPS Express!*: As of September 2004, national CPS certifying records reflect these active individuals:

- * Instructors: 1,243
 - * Instructor Candidates: 94
 - * Technicians: 25,754
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Classes and Updates

Connecticut Child Passenger Safety Classes

There are two upcoming CPS classes. If you do not see a class that fits the needed time frame or geographic location, please contact an instructor as they might have additional information on classes. A list of instructors is located on the technician report homepage.

One class is being held from October 26th through 29th in South Windsor. Please contact Tom Field of South Windsor Police Department at 860-648-6224 or Field@southwindsor.org for more information.

Another class is planned for March 21st through 24th in Waterbury. Please contact Pat Zainc of Great Waterbury Chapter of CT SAFE KIDS at 203-346-3908 or Belt0001@aol.com for more information.