

January 24, 2015

Join your local Child Passenger Safety Technicians on **January 24th from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at the Cross Plains Fire Department**. We will be available to teach and assist you with how to choose the right car seats for your children, how to install the seats correctly, and how to ensure the seats are being used correctly with your children.

The Cross Plains CPS Program has also arranged to recycle any used, damaged, or expired car seats. The use of used, damaged, or expired seats is discouraged as these seats can compromise the safety of your children. These types of car seats may not hold up in a crash and may subject your children to increased and unnecessary injuries or death.

Child Passenger Safety Recommendations

Rear-Facing

- A child should be rear-facing until they reach the upper height or weight requirements of the car seat. For many seats this occurs close to, or beyond, the child's 2nd birthday. Children are significantly safer in a harnessed rear-facing seat than forward-facing.

Forward-Facing

- Once forward facing, the child should use a 5-point harness until the upper weight limits of the forward-facing seat/harness. This will typically occur at or beyond the child's 4th birthday.

Booster Seats

- After your child's 4th birthday and if they have reached the upper weight limits of the forward-facing seat you can move them to a booster seat.
- Improper use of a seatbelt with a booster seat could cause increased injury during a crash.

Seat Belts

- Seat belts are designed for adult bodies—not children's.
- Seat belts should not be used alone until your child can pass the "5-point test." This assures that the child is mature enough for the seat belt and that they are able to achieve a proper fit with the seatbelt. Contact us for more information on the "5-point test."

Take this opportunity to meet with your child passenger safety technicians to ensure you are keeping your children as safe as possible. **Call Greg at 608-798-4100 or e-mail at gkosharek@crossplainspolicewi.com** for information, an appointment, or to discuss your eligibility for low-cost or donated seats.