

Law Enforcement Roll Call Trainings



Correctly used
child safety seats
can reduce the
risk of death
by as much as
71 percent.

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Background

- 2012 law changes
- CDPH VOSP video
 - Peer education
- SafetyBeltSafe materials (www.carseat.org, click “Tools for Calif. Law Enforcement”)
 - Packet
 - Citation reminder cards
 - Local, bright colors, laminated

California Buckle-Up Laws

Applies to all passenger vehicles (including RVs) and trucks, not buses. All occupants must be *properly* restrained. Proper belt use: lower (lap) portion of belt crosses hips or upper thighs; upper (shoulder) portion of the belt, if present, crosses chest in front of occupant.

CHILD PASSENGERS

V.C. 27360(a) Children must ride in safety seat or booster in back seat until at least age 8. Cite parent/guardian (if present) for each child unrestrained, not properly restrained, or in front seat. Cite driver if parent is not in the car.

Exceptions: Medical condition (court determines). Safety belt permitted (must fit properly) if child over 40 lbs. and no shoulder belt in rear; child 4'9" or more; life-threatening emergency and no safety seat available. Front seat permitted if safety seat cannot be properly installed in back or all rear seats are occupied by children 7 or under. Rear-facing safety seats not permitted in front with active passenger air bag.

V.C. 27360.5(a) Children at least 8 and under 16 must ride in safety seat, booster, or properly fitted vehicle belt (back seat not required, but recommended). Cite parent/guardian (if present). Cite driver if parent is not in the car.

V.C. 15620(a)

No person shall leave a child age 6 or younger alone in a vehicle or with a child under 12.

OTHER OCCUPANTS

V.C. 27315

(d)(1) Cite driver for self and for passengers 16 or older if not properly secured in a safety belt.

(e) Also may cite passengers 16 or older if not properly secured in a safety belt.

(f) Cite registered owner of car if safety belts have been removed or not working.

V.C. 23116

Cite **(a)** driver and **(b)** persons riding unrestrained in the back of a pickup or flatbed truck (no exception for camper shell).

SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A.

(800) 745-SAFE www.carseat.org #445 (4-12-12)

Four Types of Safety Seats

Rear-facing-only seat
Fits until baby reaches maximum weight (22-35 lbs.) or head close to top edge. *Must* be installed facing rearward.



Convertible safety seat
Fits up to 30-45 lbs. rear facing, 40-85 lbs. forward facing. Rear facing is required until age one, recommended until age 2.

Forward-facing-only
Most fit from 30 lbs. up to 40-90 lbs. Child must be at least age one (recommended age 2). Harness-only restraint systems may be used.



Safety booster seat
For children who outgrow safety seats with a harness. Most children need a booster from about age 4 until at least age 10-12 for proper belt fit.

Quick Checklist for Visible Errors

These dangerous mistakes are easy to spot:

- ✓ Child riding unrestrained or sharing belt
- ✓ Child riding in front seat
- ✓ Baby facing front of car
- ✓ Rear-facing baby or child in front of air bag
- ✓ Harness loose or not on shoulders
- ✓ Chest clip on tummy instead of chest
- ✓ Shoulder belt under arm or behind back
- ✓ Shoulder belt close to child's face (needs booster)

Roll Call Trainings



- Objectives
 - Increase knowledge of CPS best practice
 - Educate officers on 2012 law changes
 - Boost officer confidence in writing CPS citations
 - Increase awareness of fine money distribution and court diversion program
 - Raise profile of local CPS programs
 - Cover all 3 E's

Roll Call Trainings



- Writing Child Passenger Safety Citations or “Car Seat Tickets”
- Local Police Departments
- Start of shift briefing or roll call time
- 6 Police Departments
- 27 presentations
- 15 minute presentations

Roll Call Trainings



- Scheduling
 - Shift hours, rotations
 - Be flexible
 - Stick to time allowed
- Presenter
 - Know your audience, departments
 - Know your material (law vs. best practice)
 - Be confident
 - Be respectful (facility, attire)
 - Be positive

Roll Call Trainings



Barriers	Solutions
Lack of contact person or clout to schedule presentations	Have a partner agency schedule presentations. Try traffic division.
Police department doesn't care/ have time for CPS. What's in it for them?	Change your pitch: <ul style="list-style-type: none">-law update-decrease ticket errors found in court-County-wide training
Lack of staff time to make presentations	Enable partner agencies to deliver presentations or give PDs video and citation reminder cards
Lack of funding to create materials	Free citation reminder cards from SafetyBeltSafe and video link online
Traffic enforcement is not primary task	CPS Citation can be used as probable cause for traffic stop

Roll Call Trainings



- Arrive early to prep A/V equipment and cue video
- 15 minute presentations
 - 2 minute presentation
 - 12 minute video
 - 1 minute to hand out citation reminder cards and wrap up.

Introduction



- Presenters
- Programs
- Objective – Update!

CPS Citations



- Familiar with car seats?
- Familiar with CPS citations?
- Familiar with new CPS law (01/01/12)?
 - Children must ride in safety seat or booster in back seat until at least age 8.
 - **Proper use** of a safety belt is defined as “the lower (lap) portion of the belt crosses the hips or upper thighs of the occupant and the upper (shoulder) portion of the belt, if present, crosses the chest in front of the occupant.”

CPS Citations



- EDUCATE - Parents, Caregivers, Kids
- ENFORCE - MVC 27360, 27360.5
- ENABLE - portion of the base fine goes to Sac County health department to support CPS education & seat distribution programs

Video



- Sponsored by:
 - Northern and Southern California AAA
 - Livermore PD
 - NHTSA
 - OTS
 - CA DPH VOSP

Review Citation Reminder Cards



- Vehicle Code
- Types of Child Restraints
- Citation Notes

Common Errors



- Out of date/ incorrect information
- Wrong code section
- Infant seat without base – OK!
- Best practices – not illegal, opportunity for education
 - Kids under 40 lbs in booster
 - All seating positions filled, child in front seat

Thank You

Presenter Contact Info



Roll Call Trainings



- Outcomes
 - Fines collected from tickets did not increase
 - Distributed 350 citation reminder cards
 - Police departments now have CPS contacts
 - CPS programs now have police contacts
 - Expanded training opportunities
 - Discovered CPS issues
 - Dispelled myths