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Child Passenger Safety E-News

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**Technician Proxies from Safe Kids CPS Express**

In the past, only Technician Instructors were able to review and approve seat checks for recertification. In areas with few Instructors, it is sometimes difficult for Technicians to complete the recertification process. Safe Kids Worldwide is now offering an application process for Certified Technicians to become an official

Certification Courses

**Elgin: October 26-29**

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**Country Club Hills: November 3-5**

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**Joliet: November 9-12**

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**Dixon: December 7-10**

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**Peoria: December 8, 9, 12, & 13**

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## Technician Proxy through Safe Kids.

Technician Proxies can review and approve seat checks for Technician recertification. This is not associated in any way with being a Safe Kids Senior Checker. It is simply a way to fill a need in areas with few Certified Instructors. The application process requires a recommendation from at least 2 Certified Technician Instructors as well as verification of field work.

Anyone who has been a Certified Technician for at least six months, or is an Instructor Candidate, may apply to be a Technician Proxy. When you are eligible to apply, you will see the action item "Apply to be A Technician Proxy" in your CPS Online Profile.

Once approved, your status will continue to be "Certified Technician" but you will see Extra Training: Technician Proxy in your Online Profile.

### **2011 Illinois Seat Check Saturday Results**

81 Events

Over 460 technicians

Over 1,300 seats checked

Over 300 seats distributed

### **IIHS Report on Boosters**

The Insurance Institute for Highway

### **Renewal Course**

None at this time.

### **IDOT Contacts**

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Safety recently released a report evaluating the fit of booster seats. Through this report, several boosters were identified as providing a better belt fit than others which may cause concern for many parents. As with child safety seats, the best booster will be the one that fits the child, fits the vehicle, and will be used correctly every time. If a parent or caregiver calls with concerns, please encourage them to attend a check event in their area to ensure that their booster is a good fit with their child. For more information on the report, visit <http://www.iihs.org/research/topics/boosters/>