

## Child Safety Seat Law Enforcement Sample Survey

**Introduction:** this survey was developed by UNC Team members for use during the 2004-2009 CDC TMVIP funding cycle to conduct formative evaluation at a Tribe in Wisconsin about knowledge, attitudes, and practices regarding enforcement of traffic safety laws. The questions used in this sample survey should be modified, as needed, to best suit your project's needs and for use in your community.

1. How helpful do you think Child Safety Seats (CSS) are at reducing the severity of car crash injuries?  
A. Very Helpful                      B. Somewhat Helpful                      C. A Little Helpful                      D. Not at all Helpful
2. Of the following, which is a current law for the Child Safety Restraint (CSR) System in Wisconsin?  
A. No person may transport a child under the age of 4 in a motor vehicle unless the child is properly restrained in a CSR system approved by the WI Department of Transportation.  
B. No person may transport a child who is at least 4 yrs old but less than 8 yrs in a motor vehicle unless a child is properly restrained in a CSR system approved by the WI Department of Transportation.  
C. A person, other than the operator of a motor vehicle transporting a child required to be properly restrained, may temporarily remove a child from a CRS system to attend to personal needs of the child.  
D. All of the above  
E. None of the above
3. What are the proper age/weight combination requirements for a child to be in a rear facing car seat (e.g., infants)?  
A. <3 months & <15 lbs    B. <6 months & <20 lbs    C. <9 months & <30 lbs    D. <1 year & <20 lbs
4. What are the proper age/weight combination requirements for a child to be in a convertible seat (e.g., toddlers)?  
A. >6 months & 15 lbs    B. >1 year & 20-40 lbs    C. >2 years & <50 lbs    D. >1 year & >50 lbs
5. What are the proper age/weight combination requirements for a child in a booster seat?  
A. >50 lbs & <36 inches/3 ft    B. <30 lbs & <48 inches/4 feet    C. >40 lbs & <57 inches/4.75 feet    D. >60 lbs & >60 inches/5 feet
6. According to nationwide safety standards, where is the safest place for a child (< age 12 years) to be in a vehicle?  
A. Front seat                      B. Rear seat-outboard                      C. Rear seat-middle                      D. All of the above
7. How would you rate your skill level for installing a rear-facing car seat (e.g., seats for infants)?  
A. Very capable                      B. Somewhat capable                      C. Not very capable                      D. Not at all capable
8. How would you rate your skill level for installing a convertible car seat (e.g., seats for toddlers)?  
A. Very capable                      B. Somewhat capable                      C. Not very capable                      D. Not at all capable
9. In what ways could your skill level be increased to address child passenger safety issues?  
A. Attend short-course on child passenger safety (e.g., 8-hour course)  
B. Become a Certified CPS Technician (e.g., attend 32-hour course)  
C. Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_  
D. None of the above
10. When you pull a vehicle over for a traffic violation and notice a child or children unbelted in the front seat, how often would you say you give a driver a child safety seat citation?  
A. Always                      *(If A, Skip to Question #12)*  
B. Most of the time  
C. Some of the time  
D. Never

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11. Which of the following response(s) best describe the reason(s) why you don't always issue a citation for child safety restraint violations? (circle all that apply)
- A. Not worth it
  - B. Issuing a citation won't make a difference
  - C. Fines are too expensive/are too harsh a punishment for community members
  - D. Other (Please describe): \_\_\_\_\_
  - E. Other(Please describe): \_\_\_\_\_
12. When you pull a vehicle over for a traffic violation, how often would you say you give a driver and/or other adult passenger(s) a citation(s) for not wearing a seatbelt (if applicable)?
- A. Always *(If A, Skip to Question #14)*
  - B. Most of the time
  - C. Some of the time
  - D. Never
13. Which of the following response(s) best describe the reason(s) why you don't always issue a citation for seat belt violations? (circle all that apply)
- A. Not worth it
  - B. Issuing a citation won't make a difference
  - C. Fines are too expensive/are too harsh a punishment for community members
  - D. Other (Please describe): \_\_\_\_\_
  - E. Other (Please describe): \_\_\_\_\_
14. If the MVIPP were to conduct a child safety seat clinic, whereby vehicles are voluntarily or asked to stop to inspect for child safety seat use/correct use, what barriers might you face in providing assistance at one of these events?
- A. Shortage of staff
  - B. Scheduling
  - C. Lack of adequate training
  - D. Lack of Interest
  - E. Others (Please list) \_\_\_\_\_
15. If available, how willing would you be to work overtime to conduct a saturation patrol to issue citations and/or warnings for child safety seat and seatbelt violations?
- A. Very willing      B. Somewhat willing      C. Somewhat reluctant      D. Very reluctant
16. While enforcement of existing occupant restraint laws has been shown to be the most effective approach to increase child restraint and seatbelt use, please indicate (by circling all that apply), which educational activities you believe would help to increase child and/or adult restraint use among Ho-Chunk community members.
- A. Safety Fairs      B. Health Fairs      C. Seat Belt clinics
  - D. Child Passenger Safety clinics      E. Community events      F. Others(please list): \_\_\_\_\_

### Demographics (please provide and/or circle the most appropriate response):

17. How long have you been in law enforcement? \_\_\_\_\_
18. What is your gender?      Male      Female
19. Are you a member of a federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native Tribe?      Yes      No
20. Have you ever obtained or attended child passenger safety training before?      Yes      No
21. Do you have children?      Yes      No