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**December 2014 Instructor Update:**

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As instructors are reviewing and using the revised assessments, one change has made them pause. This change pertains to Skills 3, about misuse, Scenario 1:

The scenario, as listed in the Instructor Guide, is a 6 year-old, 64 pound child in a booster. The only error is a misrouted seat belt. When the assessments were updated, the test was changed and the child's weight was revised to 38 pounds.

\*Which one do we use and why was it changed?\*

The assessments are newer and supersede the IG.

The rationale behind this change has to do with the importance of following manufacturer instructions. If you're setting up the scenario using a BPB with 38 pounds as an accepted weight, it would be correct selection. If the booster seat is, for example, backless with a 40 pound minimum weight limit, selection would not be correct. For the Skills test, please misroute belt, regardless of CR selection.

So, SELECTION would be CORRECT if the one used is approved for BPB use at 38 pounds. It would be INCORRECT if the minimum use was more than 38 pounds.

This is specifically to draw attention to the fact that technicians need to follow manufacturer instructions. Best practice is great but if the manufacturer approves it, it's definitely okay for kids.

We hope this clears things up and starts some good discussions with local instructor teams.

Sincerely,

National Child Passenger Safety Board

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