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- **Estimators** inspect, analyze & evaluate damaged vehicles to create a comprehensive & accurate damaged report.
- **Non-Structural Technicians** restore damaged exterior panels to their original integrity, function, and appearance.
- **Steel Structural Technicians** restore vehicle dimensions and structural integrity to collision damaged vehicles.
- **Refinish Technicians** prepare and apply paint to repaired vehicles to restore a vehicle's appearance to its pre-accident condition.
- **Aluminum Structural Technicians** restore aluminum structural dimensions and structural integrity to collision-damaged vehicles.
- **Electrical/Mechanical Technicians** diagnose and repair collision-related electrical and mechanical damage.
- **Auto Physical Damage Appraisers** inspect, analyze, and evaluate damaged vehicles to create a comprehensive and accurate damage report.



Career and Technology Education

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Collision Repair



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Explore a Rewarding Career In Collision Repair

If you enjoy working with your hands, have a mechanical aptitude, take pride in your work, and are passionate about cars, then you might consider a career in Collision Repair. An experienced technician has high income potential, excellent job security and ample opportunities for career advancement within the automotive industry.

Many people are surprised to learn that a collision repair technician's income, on average, is better than comparable trades. A 2013 survey from the Collision Repair Education Foundation found that collision repair technicians average nearly \$53K in income. Almost one in five technicians earned \$70K or more, demonstrating the attractive earning potential of the trade.

In addition, the demand for new technicians is growing. The average age of the collision repair technician has increased by 10% since 1995. As more industry veterans approach retirement age, many new technicians will be needed to fill the positions they leave vacant.

To learn more about careers in collision repair, visit

www.collisioncareers.org

Education Pays

Nearly half of entry-level technicians hired are selected from career or technical schools programs. Many high schools, vocational schools, private trade schools, and community colleges around the country offer collision repair training. Some students enter the collision repair profession right out of high school, while others pursue additional training from a post-secondary institution before starting their career. In either circumstance, they are usually hired as entry-level technicians, doing basic repairs or detail work until they gain additional professional experience.

The Need for Training

On going advances in technology and repair standards have increased the skill level required of collision repair professionals. In a world of increasingly complex and diverse vehicle designs, high specialized and current training is need to perform the proper repairs that keep drivers safe.

How do I take CTE?

CTE courses are taught at Parkside High School. Students begin their CTE experience in most programs by enrolling in the ATEX (Applied Technology Exploration) introductory course to find out more about the Maryland CTE State Approved Programs of Study that are offered. Students in grades 9 or 10 may enroll in an ATEX course to find out more about the opportunities that CTE courses may offer. If you need additional information, please call the Parkside CTE office at 410.677.5144.

What does a Collision Repair technician do?

Thousands of motor vehicles are damaged in traffic accidents every day. While some are totaled, most can be repaired by collision repair technicians to look and drive like new. This can be challenging because each damaged vehicle presents a different problem. Collision Repair technicians must develop appropriate repair plans for each job, using their knowledge of collision repair techniques.



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