



AUTOMATED GATES – AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN?

Did you know that an automated gate constitutes a machine?
A machine which if it is not correctly installed can prove **fatal**

“Girl aged five killed
by sliding electric gate
at residents’ car park”
The Guardian - 5th July 2010

“Second girl killed
by automatic
gate in a week”
Daily Telegraph - 15th Sept 2010

“Mother devastated after
gates crush child, 6”
The Independent - 30 June 2010

“Electric gate
crushes girl
to death”
Daily Mirror - 15th Sept 2010

“A BOY of seven
was crushed
as he narrowly escaped becoming
the THIRD child to be killed by an
electronic gate.”
The Sun - 19th Jul 2010

“Boy’s head trapped in
school’s electric gates”
Bournemouth Echo - 14th September 2010

Are these the sort of headlines you want to be associated with?
Then make sure your automated gates are installed by a **Gate Safe Aware installer**

WHAT IS GATE SAFE?

Gate Safe, now a registered charity, was set up in 2010 following the tragic deaths of two young children in separate accidents involving automated gates. Gate Safe has one simple objective: to improve the standard of safety for automated gates.

Gate Safe works to raise awareness of the urgent need to observe the agreed safety protocol to ensure a safe and compliant automated gate installation – every time.

Failure to adhere to the guidance and / or adopt the required safety measures can prove disastrous, from a legal, financial and ultimately moral perspective.

Since January 2010, at least eight accidents involving automated gates have been reported, three of them have sadly proved fatal.

Gate Safe is supported by:



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Gate Safe Advice Line on 01233 750 620

FACTORS INFLUENCING A SAFE INSTALLATION

All automated gates (whether swing, sliding, bi folding or a rising arm barrier) must comply with the Machinery Directive 2006 / 42/ EC. In order to achieve compliance the gate should either have undergone a full risk assessment OR comply with **ALL** of the relevant British Standards. If adopting the Risk Assessment approach, it is recommended that the British Standards are used as a means to identify the various potential risks posed by an automated gate.

In addition to interpreting the British Standards guidance, Gate Safe provides further general recommendations to encourage best practice in relation to the installation of automated gates.



Pressure or safety edges



2 pairs of photocells



Lockable control cabinet with a CE mark

MAINTAINING SAFETY

Regular maintenance is required for new automated gate installations and also for gates installed prior to the current legislation. Key safety checks should be carried out at 6 and 12-month intervals – or more frequently for sites which experience heavy usage of an automated gate.

PLAY YOUR PART - REPORT ALL UNSAFE GATES

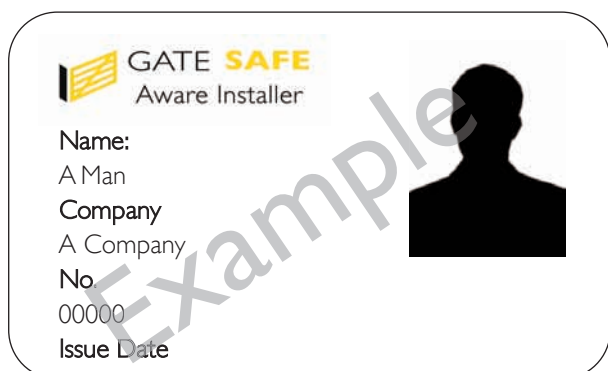
We urge **EVERYONE** to act responsibly and to play their part in ensuring no further accidents or fatalities occur as a result of an unsafe gate.

If you see an unsafe gate in your area, please **REPORT** it in strictest confidence or anonymously to Gate Safe, email info@gate-safe.co.uk

GATE SAFE AWARE INSTALLERS

All Gate Safe Aware Installers have undergone specialist training and assessment which is accredited by IOSH (Institution of Occupational Safety and Health) - the biggest health & safety membership organization in the world and the only chartered body for health and safety professionals - to equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge to ensure a safe automated gate installation.

You can find your local Gate Safe Aware Installer on the Gate Safe web site www.gate-safe.org. Only Gate Safe Aware Installers carry a Gate Safe ID card.



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