



UNITED STATES
CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
4330 EAST WEST HIGHWAY
BETHESDA, MD 20814
ACTING CHAIRMAN PETER A. FELDMAN

Re: Safety Hazards Involving Manual Sliding and Swinging Gates

Dear Governor:

I write today to request your help addressing a serious and preventable safety hazard associated with manual sliding and swinging gates affecting children in your state.

Manual sliding and swinging gates are commonly installed at schools, residences, apartment buildings, parking facilities, playgrounds, community centers, care facilities, houses of worship, commercial properties, and other locations frequented by the public. When these gates are improperly installed or maintained, however, they can become extremely dangerous. Sliding gates can fall from their tracks, and unsecured swinging gates can move unexpectedly and strike individuals.

Over the past six years, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has identified more than a dozen deaths and injuries involving these hazards.

There are practical steps that can reduce the risk. CPSC is urging consumers, property owners, and gate installers to follow current ASTM International gate-safety standards, including:

- ASTM F900-25 – Standard Specification for Industrial and Commercial Swing Gates;
- ASTM F1184-23e1 – Standard Specification for Industrial and Commercial Horizontal Slide Gates; and
- ASTM F2200-24 – Standard Specification for Automated Vehicular Gate Construction.

Many states already incorporate these standards into their building codes.

I encourage you to bring this issue to the attention of appropriate state and local officials, particularly school officials, park and recreation authorities, regulators of care facilities, building and code officials, property managers, and others responsible for locations where children and families may encounter these gates.

CPSC will also publish gate safety information this October in recognition of Gate Safety Month. I encourage your administration to share those materials through state agencies and other appropriate channels.

These incidents are preventable, and greater awareness of proper gate installation, maintenance, and applicable safety standards can help reduce the risk of serious injury and death. I appreciate your assistance in bringing attention to this important safety issue in your state.

If my office can be of assistance, please contact my Special Assistant, Noah Vehafric, at (240) 997-8580 or NVehafric@cpsc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter A. Feldman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter A. Feldman
Acting Chairman