

# SAFETY GATES

Safety gates are used on work sites to isolate specific areas and protect workers against entering high-risk areas. But these gates do not provide protection when they are not used properly such as in instances when people forget to close them or when they are left open to allow easier entrance to an area more frequently throughout the day.

It is important to understand the gates are there to protect you and your fellow workers and must be closed at all times to prevent the risk of injury.

## USING GATES SAFELY

- **SIGNAGE / TOOL REQUIREMENTS**
- **OPENING AND CLOSING GATES**
- **WHEN DO YOU GET HELP?**



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## SIGNAGE / TOOL REQUIREMENTS

- If a sign says lockout, perform lockout BEFORE you open the gate.
- If a sign says Authorized Access, only enter if you have been authorized to do so by your supervisor and follow specific work procedures when entering these areas.
- If there is no signage, check to see if you are entering a high hazard area and need to lockout before entering. If you are unsure, ask your supervisor.
- Inform your supervisor if a sign is missing.
- Safety gates require a tool or a key to open a safety gate. If the tool or key is missing, contact your supervisor.

## OPENING AND CLOSING A SAFETY GATE

- Prior to opening a safety gate, ensure lockout is followed.
- Ensure you have authorization to enter the area and that you know the correct safe work procedures to follow.
- Remove tool or lock the gate prior to leaving area.

## WHEN DO YOU INFORM YOUR SUPERVISOR?

- If the gate does not close properly.
- If the gate is damaged.
- If the gate is obstructed.
- If the gate has sharp spurs that can cause injury.

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