

Gate Safety Checklist

Semi automatic operation: This is a gate that will only operate when it receives a signal.

i.e. a push button being held down

CHECK:

- That the operator of the gate has a clear and unobstructed view of the gate, which extends to all of its operation. Remember that when opening a sliding gate, the trailing edge of the gate has the potential to create a trap point.
- That the control cabinet is housed in a weatherproof enclosure that is lockable.
- That pedestrians have an alternative method of entry and exit (wherever possible, pedestrians should not use a vehicular gate) giving alternative access in the event of the gate failing.
- That there are clearly visible signs advising that the gate is an automated device.
- That trained operatives regularly maintain the gate and that full servicing records are kept.
- That the gate was originally manufactured and installed as an automated device and has not simply been modified to offer automation features.

Fully automatic operation: This is a gate that is activated by a device (intercom, radio control, etc) and the gate will open and close within a pre-determined time.

CHECK:

- That the gate features the necessary safety devices to protect the user and other pedestrians from any potential trap points.
- That the gate is operating with the correct force as stated by the regulations (this should be the minimum required to enable the gate to operate).
- That the person responsible for the gate has been trained in the safe operation of the gate and its maintenance requirements.
- That the control cabinet is housed in a weatherproof enclosure that is lockable.
- That pedestrians have an alternative method of entry and exit (wherever possible, pedestrians should not use a vehicular gate) giving alternative access in the event of the gate failing.
- That there are clearly visible signs advising that the gate is an automated device.
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The above list of safety measures is for guidance only and a site specific risk assessment should always be carried out.