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TITLE 8, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 4

Subchapter 7. General Industry Safety Orders  
Group 2. Safe Practices and Personal Protection  
Article 7. Miscellaneous Safe Practices  
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**§3324. Horizontal Sliding and Swinging Gates**

(a) Application. This section applies to horizontal sliding and swinging gates (gate(s)).

(b) Definitions

Gate panel. The individual moving portion of a gate. Where two or more portions are connected, mechanically linked, or supported in a way that they could fall together, all sections shall be considered a single gate panel for the purposes of this section.

Horizontal slide gate. A gate that travels in a horizontal straight-line path.

Horizontal swing gate. A gate that travels in a horizontal arc in a horizontal plane.

Locked out. For the purposes of this section, the term 'locked out' refers to the use of devices, positive methods and procedures which will result in the effective isolation or securing of gates and their components to prevent unintended movement. Locked-out gates shall be tagged with information describing the cause of removal from service and the contact information of the authorized person(s) for lock removal.

Positive Stop. A physical device that limits gate travel in open and closed positions.

(c) Gate panels having an area dimension of 76 square feet (7.06 square meters) as specified in subsection (h), or are known by the employer to weigh more than 250 lbs (113.4 kg) as specified by subsection (i), shall be designed, constructed, and installed, so that, at a minimum they meet the following requirements:

- (1) Gate panels shall not fall over more than 45 degrees from the vertical plane, when a gate panel is detached from the supporting hardware.
- (2) Gate panels shall not move unless force is directly being applied to the gate panel. Gate panels shall stop within a safe distance when no force is applied and

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shall not continue to move due to gravity, momentum, slope, wind, or other environmental forces.

- (3) Gate panels, components, and its machine parts which create a hazard and are not guarded by location, shall be guarded to remove the hazard of accidental contact.

~~(a)~~(d) All horizontal sliding gates shall be equipped with positive stops or devices that limit the gate travel to the designed fully open and closed positions.

~~(b)~~(1) Positive stops or devices shall be constructed, installed and maintained by a qualified person, as defined in subsection 3207(a), to resist impact loads in order to safely contain sliding gate components within the designed stop limits.

(2) Positive stops or devices for gate panels having an area of 76 square feet (7.06 square meters) or greater as specified by subsection (h), or weigh 250 lbs (113.4 kg) or greater as specified by subsection (i), shall be constructed and installed to either:

(A) Be approved by a registered professional engineer to withstand four times the normal impact forces from gate opening and closing without permanent deformation.

(B) Have a redundancy such that failure of the primary positive stop or device component results in equivalent functioning of an independent secondary positive stop or component.

1. Gates missing either the primary or secondary positive stop device, or approval by a registered professional engineer, or whose primary positive stop device unit does not limit gate travel to the designated fully opened and closed positions is considered a failure and the gate shall be locked-out and repaired in accordance with subsection (f).

~~(c)~~(e) Employees responsible for operating or inspecting horizontal sliding gates shall be instructed in the safe operation of such gates. The instruction shall be provided before the employee operates or inspects the gate and shall be based on the manufacturer's instructions where available or on equivalent information that is specific to the gate design and operation.

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~~(d)~~(f) Installation, adjustments, and Repairs to gates and gate hardware shall only be performed by a qualified person. The qualified person shall be able to make all corrections to gates necessary to ensure safe operation in accordance with the gate design, engineering specifications, and where available the manufacturer's instructions.

(1) Gates undergoing installation, adjustment, repair, or service shall be locked-out unless the gate is being attended by an employee or designated person who can immediately prevent or respond to unintended movement of the gate or any of its components.

(g) All gates and their components shall be inspected and maintained by a competent person as defined in subsection 3207(a), correct conditions in accordance with subsection 3203(a)(4) and documented in accordance with subsection 3203(b).

(h) The employer shall document the size of individual gate panels for subsections (c) and (d)(2) per documentation from the gate manufacturer where available, or calculated by a qualified person using dimensions of the gate panel or by multiplying the gate panel width by height (width x height) using the following:

(1) Width of the gate panel shall be the horizontal distance, measured on the gate exterior, between the outside edges of the outermost vertical members at its widest point.

(2) Height of the gate panel shall be the vertical distance, measured from the lowest point of the gate panel to the highest point of the gate panel, including any permanently attached protrusions (e.g. spikes, pickets, and decorative elements).

(i) The employer shall document the weight of gate panel for subsections (c) and (d)(2) per documentation from the gate manufacturer where available, or calculated by a qualified person using gate panel dimensions as specified in subsection (h) and multiplying that by the weight of materials used in the gate panel construction or by the weight of each element of the gate panel.

Note: Authority cited: Section 142.3, Labor Code. Reference: Section 142.3, Labor Code.

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