



Safety Gates



WARNING:

Did you know? Older gates manufactured **before 1990** do not meet Canadian Government safety standards and are **not safe!**

Why? These accordion – style gates have wide, V-shaped openings along the top or large, diamond-shaped openings that could trap a child’s head or neck. If you have an accordion-style gate, you should throw it out right away.

Select a gate that is recommended for your child’s age. Many baby gates are unsafe for children over two years of age.

Do not use a gate if your child tries to climb over it. Instead, watch your child to keep him or her safe.

Pressure-Mounted Gates

Do not use a pressure-mounted gate at the top of the stairs

- Put together and use your pressure-mounted gate according to manufacturer’s instructions.

- Pressure gates should be at the bottom of your stairs to stop children under the age of two from climbing up the stairs
- Pressure gates may also be used in door-ways or hallways to prevent your child from leaving or entering a room.

Wall mounted (hardware required) Gates

- Put together wall-mounted gate according to manufacturer’s instructions.
- Wall-mounted gates should be used at the top of the stairs to stop children under the age of two from falling down the stairs.
- Wall-mounted gates may also be used in door-ways or hallways to prevent your child from leaving or entering a room.
- Always keep the wall-mounted gate closed and latched only open it when you go through the stairwell or room and then close and latch it behind you.

Helpful Websites

- Health Canada - <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/legislation/acts-lois/ccpsa-lcspc/index-eng.php>
- www.Canada.ca

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