

HORIZONTAL SLIDING GATES

New General Industry Safety Orders §3324 Are Effective Nov. 22, 2007

The new safety order is intended to prevent injury and fatality incidents from gates sliding past their fully closed or open positions and falling on workers. Cal/OSHA has investigated several such incidents in recent years.

New GISO §3324 States

- a) 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) Positive stops or devices shall be constructed, installed and maintained by a qualified person to resist impact loads in order to safely contain sliding gate components within the designed stop limits
- c) Employees responsible for operating or inspecting horizontal sliding gates shall be instructed in the safe operation of such gates
- d) Repairs to gate hardware shall only be performed by a qualified person"

A review of the Cal/OSHA Standard Board's decision can found at

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb/horizontalgates0.html>

If you have any questions or need assistance you can contact your Loss Control Consultant by phone or request assistance on the CompWest Web Page