

## Gate Safety

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Gates are required when you have children between the ages of 6 months and 18 months.

Whichever gate you use, it must fit firmly in place and be installed according to manufacturer's instructions. Pressure mounted gates should not be used at the top of stairs. There are numerous styles of gates, as well as different gate mounting kits and gate extensions available for non-standard stairways. Refer to example pictures below. Gates and gate mounting kits can be found in retail and hardware stores or on several websites through the internet. If you are having difficulty finding gates to meet your needs, contact your licensior.



Additional examples of gate and gate extensions.



## Indoor Balconies, Lofts and Landings

For indoor balconies, lofts and landings, there are clear, almost invisible, banister shields made of durable, shatterproof plastic. It is flexible so it curves around banisters and it easily trims to any length with scissors. There are special ties to attach it to banisters or end posts and a hole punch lets you place the holes just where you need them.



## Deck railings & Openings

Another alternative to protect children from openings in decks and railings is deck netting. The netting is durable, plastic mesh that is designed for outdoor use. It attaches with screw eyes and ties. It easily trims to size with scissors.

