

FINGER TRAP RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

The extent of the risk posed by each door or gate to people depends on the criteria given below: -

Design characteristic of the door and position

- Identify whether exposed pinch point exists within the hinge cavity or handle side
- the weight of the door/gate
- the profile of the door/gate edges (do they have rounded edges, aluminium sharp profile edges)
- is the door/gate closure managed by a door closer (such as those found on fire doors in corridors)
- is the door positioned in such a way that it could be slammed shut by wind or a person?

The likelihood of young children or vulnerable people being in a position to place their fingers in any pinch point that exists which could be influenced by

- the position/use of the door/gate and the frequency with which young children or vulnerable person use it
- the likelihood that young or vulnerable persons will congregate next to a door/gate, with limited close supervision, e.g. queuing for lunch or toilet facilities
- the age and physical/mental abilities of children/vulnerable person
- foreseeable behaviour and level of supervision and control exercised over children/vulnerable person

The above factors need to be considered to establish a risk rating for each door.

Location of door	Risk Rating (using criteria above) H M L	Door type? Wood Metal Other	Door self-closer fitted?	Action required?	Finger guard required?	Does self closer require adjustment?

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Date action completed						

School:	Date of assessment:
Assessor:	Date of review: