



IAFCS Gate Policy

When selling and installing child safety gates, IAFCS members should use gates that meet the current version of ASTM F1004, Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Expansion Gates and Expandable Enclosures. Baby and child safety gates that are JPMA certified meet this ASTM standard. If a gate manufacturer participates in the JPMA certification program, all the juvenile gates that they manufacture will meet the standard. Please keep in mind that the standard is subject to review and change and that old models may not meet the most current standard.

Resources:

ASTM F1004 Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Expansion Gates and Expandable Enclosures

This consumer safety specification covers minimum safety performance requirements, test methods, and requirements for labeling and instructional material to minimize hazards to young children resulting from the normal use and reasonably foreseeable misuse and abuse of expansion gates and expandable enclosures. Products known as expansion gates and expandable enclosures, or by any other name, which are in the scope of this consumer safety specification are intended for young children aged six months through 24 months.

Expansion gates and expandable enclosures defined in this standard are for domestic use and are not to be confused with other types of gates or enclosures that may be specifically designed for commercial, institutional, agricultural, pet use, or any other such use. (From ASTM International)

<http://www.astm.org/Standards/F1004.htm> (the standard is available for purchase from ASTM)
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Please review the IAFCS Conference Presentation on Head Entrapment – available in the Members Only Info section of www.iafcs.org with Best Practices.