

PRESS RELEASE

A NATIONAL STANDARD FOR DRIVEWAY GATES

The Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards (TTBS) has commenced work on the development of a national standard which will specify requirements for the safe design and installation of driveway gates. We have noted with great concern the high number of accidents involving the failure of driveway gates, particularly those known as 'sliding gates'. Such accidents have resulted in several fatalities, including the death of young children.

After conducting the necessary research, a Specification Committee was established with representatives from key stakeholder agencies such as the University of the West Indies, the Ministry of Local Government, the Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development, the Education Facilities Company Limited and the National Training Agency. This Committee has been tasked with the responsibility for developing the standard and identifying the mechanisms and systems required for the effective reduction of gate failures through the implementation of the standard.

Individuals and organizations interested in making meaningful contributions to the process are asked to submit recommendations and other relevant information including:

1. *Detailed information on accidents – from persons with first-hand knowledge;*
2. *Photographs of existing gates – highlighting good/bad design or installation practices; and*
3. *Suggestions for enhanced practices in design, fabrication and installation.*

Information may be sent via email to darryl.thomson@ttbs.org.tt or by visiting our website (at www.ttbs.org.tt) where you will be able to provide feedback or view updates on the Committee's work.



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