

There have been a number of serious and fatal accidents involving industrial doors and powered gates. If you believe that equipment is dangerously unsafe you should promptly take any action necessary for safety. Analysis of data from recent years indicates that 25%-30% of manufacturing industry fatalities in Great Britain were related to maintenance activity. You may have some of your plant and building maintenance in-house however you may consider that the particular requirements of industrial door maintenance require the services of a specialist contractor.

MDS Engineering has engineering teams with a wide base of skills and experience to competently undertake this task and staff who undertake maintenance audits of your industrial doors to help ensure necessary compliance.

In any case all of the following regulations are binding of the employer (not the supplier or maintainer) who has a duty to safeguard the Health and Safety of their employees and visitors.

The Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992—Maintenance of workplace, and of equipment, devices and systems:

5.—(1) The workplace and the equipment, devices and systems to which this regulation applies shall be maintained (including cleaned as appropriate) in an efficient state, in efficient working order and in good repair.

(2) Where appropriate, the equipment, devices and systems to which this regulation applies shall be subject to a suitable system of maintenance.

This requires that regular maintenance (to suppliers/manufacturers recommendations) is carried out at regular intervals, identifying dangerous defects to be remedied, and keeping suitable records.

Electric Power Operated Doors—Regulation 6 of The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER):

"Employers must ensure work equipment is maintained in an efficient state, in efficient working order and in good repair".

"Every employer should ensure where any machinery has a maintenance log, the log is kept up to date".

This section lays stress on the need for the personnel to be carrying out the maintenance work to be adequately trained.

Fire Exit and Compartment Doors—Regulation 6, Part II of the Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations 1997:

"Where necessary in order to safeguard the safety of employees in case of fire, the workplace and any equipment and devices provided in respect of the workplace under regulations 4 and 5 shall be subject to a suitable system of maintenance and be maintained in an efficient state, in efficient working order and in good repair."

Regular door and roller shutter maintenance is vital. Not only does it assist in identifying potential problems which can be easily rectified, it is also a legal requirement. If you are unable to show evidence of maintenance, you could face enforcement notices and fines of up to £5000, even imprisonment for up to 2 years is a possibility.



SERVICE AGREEMENT

Specific Level Service Agreements

As well as providing compliance with your legal responsibilities our service agreements give you control over your service levels and budget, optimizing the performance and safety of your equipment, extended service life, reduced repair costs.

Your agreement offers you:

- ◆ Priority call handling
- ◆ 24/7, 365 days service response.
- ◆ Service coverage within Great Britain.
- ◆ Technical advice helpline
- ◆ Discounted material costs when charged
- ◆ End user training and support
- ◆ Door Register & Maintenance Log

Our Standard Warranty: We warranty all parts free from manufacturer's defects for a period of twelve months from the commissioning date. The warranty also covers call out charges and fitting charges for replacement parts supplied under the warranty. The warranty does not cover repairs due to accidental damage or misuse, fair wear and tear or any loss of use while replacement parts are being supplied or fitted.

Our Extended Warranty: So confident are we in the quality and reliability of our door systems we offer an optional three year warranty across all of our manufactured products that include three years of service visits /

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