

Safety Alert 3



Close the Gate

An analysis of Simple Capsizes reported in the British Rowing Incident Reporting system shows that the most common identified cause was an oar or scull coming out of a gate because the gate was not secured correctly. This has caused the capsize of both sculling and rowing boats.

The design of the securing mechanism on traditional gates incorporates a nut with a circular groove or recess and a cylindrical collar that fits around the top bar, as shown below.



It is important that the nut is tightened in such a way that the collar is held in the groove in the nut.



Incorrectly closed (the nut at the end of the top bar is tightly closed against the end of the cylindrical collar that surrounds the top bar but the cylindrical collar is not fitted into the groove in the nut).



Incorrectly closed (the nut at the end of the top bar is not tightly closed against the cylindrical collar that surrounds the top bar).



Gate closed correctly.

Contact your Regional Rowing Safety Adviser for further advice.