

Happy New Year to you all, and to those who have already done so, thank you for renewing and your continued support.

Over the course of 2020 I hope to be able to make some progress with the redevelopment of the CaSSOA website, and will be continuing with the site re-survey programme.

It is hoped that the Annual Meeting will take place in November, to provide you with the opportunity to meet other members and have your say about CaSSOA.

Please remember that as a CaSSOA member you have access to the CaSSOA Legal Helpline which includes access to a 24/7 advice line and well as legal expenses insurance and online services. Click [here](#) for more information.

As ever I would like to thank you for your continued support. If you do have any feedback please get in touch, as the organisation can only improve with your input. Please feel free to contact me by phone, email or in writing.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Kind Regards,  
Becci Bailey, CaSSOA Administrator

## Introducing Bulldog Security Products...

The first Bulldog Products were launched in 1984, and now, 35 years on, the Bulldog brand is stronger than ever.

Bulldog are proud to manufacture from their own premises in rural Shropshire and source all of their products in the UK. Led by the second generation of the Jordan family, Bulldog understand the importance of security equipment that is suitable for all types of business, without compromising on quality and safety, to provide peace of mind all year round.

The Bulldog product range spans all areas including Home & Premises, Trailer & Plant Equipment, Caravan Security & Vans & HGV. Their website showcases our products including:

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- GPS tracking systems
- Door Locks
- Security Lighting
- Roller shutter door locks
- Caravan Security Posts
- Wheel Clamps & Hitch locks
- Security Posts
- Container Locks



Bulldog also offer a full range of personal and vehicle trackers including The BulldogOne GPS Tracker.

This is their feature packed and smallest GPS tracker and includes everything you need from a tracking service. With easy connection options you can install it in no time in your car, motorhome, caravan, motorbike, quadbike.....you name it, the BulldogOne is exceptionally versatile and easy to fit.

To find out more about Bulldog products, speak to their dedicated team on 01952 728171 or browse the websites below.

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## Electric Gate Safety

**If your storage facility uses electrically powered gates, it is recommended that you are familiar with three Health & Safety Executive bulletins which highlight the risks to pedestrians from crushing zones on electrically powered gates.**

[Bulletin No: FOD WSW 1-2010](#)

[Bulletin No: FOD 7-2010](#)

[Bulletin No: OPSTD 1-2011](#)

These bulletins are relevant for those organisations who operate and maintain electrically powered gates.

An incident involving the death of a child highlighted the potential risks to pedestrians from using electrically powered gates. Whilst children may not ordinarily have free access to a storage site, it is still worth assessing the risk to the general public should you have electrically powered gates.

Two key design issues led to the aforementioned incident – when the gates were closed, there was a gap between the spine of each gate and the brick pillars either side of the gate. This gap was wide enough for the child to fit their head and upper body through. The gap reduced in size as the gates opened.

The child had approached the gates to activate them using the internal pedestrian egress button, rather than the intercom system or keypad entry system that had been installed. She reached through the gates to press the pedestrian access button and as the gates opened and the gap reduced she became trapped and crushed.



### ACTION REQUIRED:

BS EN 12453:2001 requires a minimum level of safeguarding against the crushing hazard at the closing edge of the gate. As a storage site owner or operator it is advised that you familiarise yourself with this.

When managing sites where there are electrically powered gates, you should ensure that you have undertaken a suitable risk assessment to identify any hazards and risks to persons using the gates.

You should consider:

- Identify trapping/crushing zones where employees or members of the public may become trapped & injured
- Identify ways in which safe operating systems (key pad or key fob) may be defeated or by-passed and place employees or members of the public at risk.
- Identify ways in which persons may be harmed by the gate if they are activated automatically or by another person.

You should try to eliminate and/or control any risks highlighted in the risk assessment. Controlling any risks may involve fixed guards, pressure sensitive strips, safety sensor flooring, light barriers or infra-red detectors.

This could mean that one of these controls is used in order to detect the presence of a person or an obstacle standing on the floor at one side of the gate. In addition, creating safe distances and installing guards would help to reduce the risk of trapping and/or crushing.

Emergency arrangements to release someone in the event of crushing should also be considered.

To ensure that you comply with your legal duties under the Health & Safety at Work Act, you should ensure that any contractors used to install or maintain electrically powered gates are suitably competent to carry out such work, and that gates are installed in line with manufacturer's guidance.

It is also worth remembering that employees using the gates regularly should be provided with the appropriate safety information and training on how to operate them safely.



Openow is SMARTAir's mobile solution, from Assa Abloy, that allows any user of an access control installation to have a virtual key directly in their Smartphone.

The virtual key essentially replaces a physical card, tag, key, etc. This virtual key that the user receives in his Smartphone, replicates the same functionalities of a physical credential with the only difference that it is received in the Smartphone with no need to physically collect it.

This means that as a storage site manager, you can immediately send, update or revoke the virtual keys from the SMARTAir TS1000 management software for maximum control of the installation.

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**If you're having a tough time, the NCC Benevolent Fund Support Service helpline is here to provide support.**

## **The Caravan Industry Support Line 0333 212 4409**

The NCC Benevolent Fund support line is a free and completely confidential service, for people working in any sector of the caravan industry. As member's of CaSSOA, you have access to this service.

Centred around a confidential helpline, the service provides free support across a wide range of issues. The helpline is provided by a registered employee assistance programme provider, Care first, who have a team of BACP registered counsellors and Citizen Advice trained information specialists on hand support your employees 24/7, 365 days a year.

You can call Care first about work related or personal issues as well as for general and practical information such as financial information.

***You can talk about anything. Anytime.***

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