

## GARAGE DOOR SAFETY LABELS

### SURVEY and LABELS

Statistics from the recent survey by Australian Garage Door Association of over 500 garage doors fitted with electric openers around Australia yielded the following:

- **72%** Did NOT have safety labels fixed on or near any operating control
- **67%** Did NOT have safety labels fixed on or near the garage door opener
- **58%** Did NOT have safety labels fixed on or near manual release
- **37%** Did NOT have safety labels fixed on or near the garage door

Depending on the safety message, labels can be affixed to more than one of the above positions or a single multi message label can be affixed in one position depending on the door type and location of the opener.

In any case the above statistics show a clear failure to adequately warn the consumer about safety issues through the provision of mandatory labels as per AS/NZS 4505:1998 and AS/NZS 60335.2.95:2005.

**Labels should be affixed by installers as part of the installation process.**

Below are examples of safety labels with multiple messages, where the manufacturer of the door has the reasonable expectation that the installer will affix the label(s) as specified in the Standard.



### STANDARDS and LABELS

What are the requirements for safety labels in the Door Standard AS/NZS 4505:1998.

- In the case of a sectional overhead door and roller shutters, a handle shall be fitted to the external face of the door and

warning stickers provided to alert the user to the possibility of being caught between the closing edge of the panel and the panel beneath, should such a possibility exist.

**WARNING** Keep fingers clear at ALL times

What are the requirements for safety labels in the Opener Standard AS/NZS 60335.2.95:2005.

- Permanently fix the labels warning against entrapment in a prominent place or near any fixed controls
- Permanently fix the label concerning the manual release adjacent to its actuating member
- **Drives** shall be supplied with a label suitable for permanent fixing that describes how to use the manual release.
- Permanent fixing. For **automatic drives**, the label shall state the substance of the following: **WARNING: Automatic drive – Keep away from the area of the door since it may operate unexpectedly**
- For other **drives**, the label shall include a warning sign having a height of at least 60 mm **WARNING: Keep children away when the door is moving.**

Below is the example of a suitable warning sign (in conjunction with the warning wording!) as featured in the Standard.



Another example of a suitable warning label is reproduced below



### SUMMARY

These days the garage door industry is attuned to the fact that safety is a priority consideration and effective labelling is a key part of consumer safety.

**Accordingly manufacturers should ensure that the required labels are supplied with the garage door and opener and installers should ensure they affix the labels to the door or opener or in proximity to the door or opener as required by the Standards.**