



## TRIGGER LATCH INSTALLATION

These instructions augment our regular instructions.

**SAFETY NOTE:** Our wood gates are built-to-fit architectural products intended to meet a wide range of needs. These gates have not been reviewed by any third-party juvenile testing organization for safety or ease-of-use. It is your responsibility to ensure that the gate design meets your architectural, aesthetic, and functional requirements. We know that many households do have pets and small children, and we will build our gates with narrow gaps in accordance to the buyer's specifications. Please ensure, in such circumstances, that the gates are securely mounted to the doorframe (wall or post), and that the trigger latch provided is upgraded to meet your specific safety needs. Gates2U makes no assurances about the safety features of your gate; these gates are constructed to meet your height, width, and baluster spacing requirements.

We provide the trigger latch as a courtesy because it is a vast improvement over a hook and eye. Many other options are available very inexpensively at your local hardware store.

### INSTALL THE LATCH ONLY AFTER YOU HAVE HUNG THE GATE.

**STEP ONE. Decide where you want the latch to go.** You might want it on the top of your gate's side rail, on the actual side of the gate (if you have room) or on the front or back of the gate. Some examples are shown below. If you have child or eldercare needs, it can be helpful to place the latch on the backside of the gate, where it is not easily seen.



**Step 2.** Place the loop end (the end of the snap without the thumb trigger) through the pad eye. The pad eye is the piece of metal that has two screw holes in it. Position the pad eye where you want it to you. Mark the holes with a pencil on the wood. Drill out those holes with a 1/8" drill bit approximately 3/4" deep. While keeping the loop end inside the "hump" of the pad eye, screw the pad eye to the gate. You should now have a latch permanently affixed to your gate, looking like the pictures in step 1.



**Step 3.** Place the threaded end of the metal eye, through the finish washer. Decide where you want the metal eye to be on your doorframe, door casing, post, or wall plank. Mark that location with a pencil. Drill a hole, and screw in the metal eye. Before doing this, it is important that you make sure your trigger snap can actually reach the metal eye! It can be helpful to have someone else hold the metal eye in place, so that you can make sure the latch will reach. If it gets difficult screwing in the metal eye, you can place a screwdriver through the eye to help you turn it. This is easier than using your hands.



!!! Remember to never allow a gate to open over steps. Rather, have the gate swing into the upper landing.

In addition, you may also take other safety precautions such as placing a door stop on the backside of the gate, or putting a cane bolt on the gate, that goes into a hole or cup on the floor.