

TITLE:	PROTECTION FROM DOOR HINGES	DATE	12/02/2004
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One inherent danger with doors on vessels that carry passengers is the possibility of passengers trapping their fingers between closing doors and their frames. Children are particularly vulnerable.

Any movement of the vessel can accelerate the closing door, making matters even worse. Damped automatic door closures do help in slowing the door down, but they are designed to ensure the door closes.

Recently, whilst a visit was being made to a UK Member's vessel, the Club became aware of a product currently available that virtually eliminates the possibility of fingers becoming trapped in between a door and its frame. Like all good inventions it is both simple in design and can be easily fitted to any hinged door.

The number of incidents involving fingers trapped in doorways is not known as the many of these incidents fall below the Member's deductible and not always notified to us. Nevertheless, we feel it is an excellent product and would recommend it to our Members.

We append details from the manufacturer's brochure including contact details.

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