# A screen shot of a computer Description automatically generatedloading and hauling livestock

Always use both hands when closing gates; keep the body squarely behind the gate with one hand on the latch:  
• Do not swing the gate with one hand  
• Be careful not to slam the gate potentially startling livestock  
• Do not stand behind a gate unless it is latched shut  
• Avoid looking through the slates of a gate  
• When moving livestock into or out of a pen, open the gate across the alley and set the latch so the gate cannot swing back and  
strike anyone  
• Always give livestock plenty of room; crowding can result in an injury to the handler and animals  
• If you are in an alley with moving livestock, step into an empty pen, stand flat against the fence and allow plenty of space or step up on fence rails

When moving livestock:  
• Never push with excessive force or speed  
• Do not get close to their hind legs  
• Take extra precautions around livestock with poor vision  
• Identify and warn other employees of any noted aggressive behavior  
• Never over-correct, over-prod or strike an animal

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