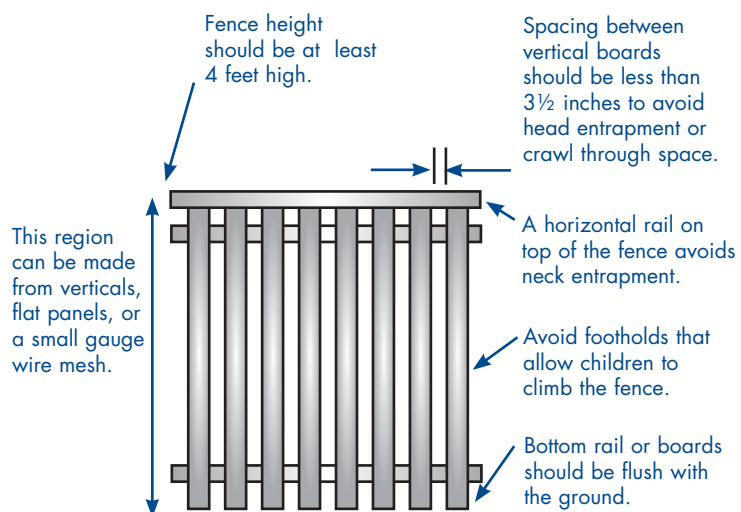


## Fencing Guidelines and Recommendations

Recommended Fencing	
Type of Fencing	Attributes/Concerns
<b>Mesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can be fitted to existing fence</li> <li>• Attach mesh to railing to prevent sagging</li> <li>• Mesh can unravel leading to ineffectiveness (reinforced vinyl borders on all 4 sides is recommended)</li> </ul>
<b>Panel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenging to climb</li> <li>• Some models do not allow for visual supervision from outside</li> </ul>
<b>Privacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenging to climb</li> <li>• Difficult to visually supervise from the outside</li> </ul>
<b>Wrought Iron</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenging to climb</li> <li>• Space between vertical members must be less than 3½ inches</li> <li>• Avoid models with spikes – can cause puncture wounds</li> </ul>
<b>Chain Link</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fence offers long-lasting stability</li> <li>• Easy to climb (can add weaving to minimize climbing)</li> <li>• Cover exposed points - could cause puncture wounds</li> </ul>

Cautionary Fencing	
Type of Fencing	Concerns/Attributes
<b>Hedge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be thick enough to achieve boundaries</li> <li>• Sharp twigs – can cause puncture wounds</li> <li>• Requires weekly inspection for sharp twigs and holes in safe play area barrier</li> </ul>
<b>Galvanized Net</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larger grades easily climbed - can cause head injury</li> <li>• Sharp points – can cause puncture/ scrapes</li> </ul>
<b>Chicken Wire</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wire uncomfortable for fingers and toes</li> <li>• Sharp ends – can cause puncture wounds</li> <li>• Requires monthly inspection for sharp edges</li> </ul>
<b>Plastic Snow Fence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bendable – can cause entanglement</li> <li>• Fence can be easily knocked down</li> <li>• Children can easily crawl beneath fence</li> <li>• Deteriorates – need for yearly replacement</li> </ul>



Not Recommended	
Type of Fencing	Concerns/Attributes
<b>Split-Rail</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easily climbed – can cause head injury</li> <li>• Easily crawled through</li> <li>• Spacing of horizontal members – could cause head entrapment</li> </ul>
<b>Welded Wire</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easily climbed – can cause head injury</li> <li>• Bendable – can cause entanglement</li> </ul>
<b>Picket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easily climbed – can cause head/neck injury and puncture wounds</li> </ul>
<b>Garden</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easily climbed – can cause head injury</li> <li>• Bendable - can cause entrapment</li> </ul>

The following charts can be downloaded and printed from: <http://www.marshfieldclinic.org/safeplay/keystocreate/>