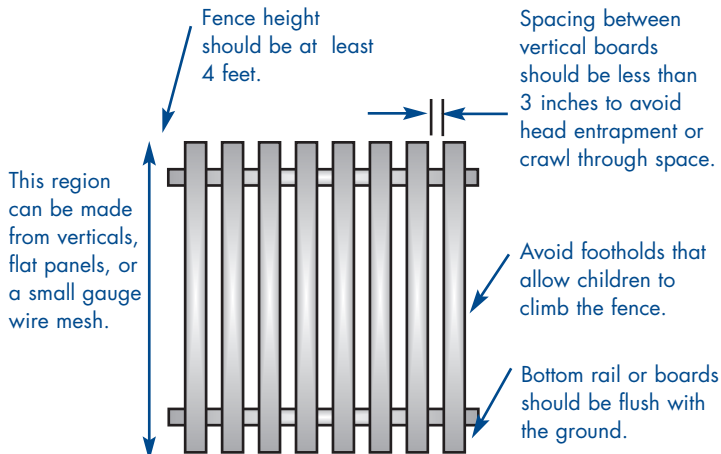


Fencing Guidelines and Recommendations

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

Recommended Fencing	
Type of Fencing	Concerns/Attributes
Mesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be fitted to existing fence • Mesh can unravel leading to ineffectiveness • Attach mesh to railing to prevent sagging
Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenging to climb • Some models do not allow for visual supervision from outside
Privacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenging to climb • Difficult to visually supervise from the outside
Wrought Iron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenging to climb • Space between vertical members must be less than 3 inches • Avoid models with spikes – can cause puncture wounds
Chain Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fence offers long-lasting stability • Cover exposed points - could cause puncture wounds
Note: Add weaving through fence to minimize climbing	

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



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