

# CHECK LIST FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY FENCING

<b>PART 1</b>		
This checklist will help you to determine if you need safety and security fencing for your construction site. If you tick 'yes' to any question, you may need to install fencing.		
<b>Known hazards and potential risks</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Is the site near to other residential buildings where children may play out of site working hours?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the site near to local schools or routes that children may take home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there excavations on site- eg open trenches, utilities, pier holes or swimming pools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any impaling materials left on site – eg reo bars, nails in timber or from work materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a potential for collapse – eg concrete formwork or battered areas of soil from side cuts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a potential for the public to be hit by falling objects related to the construction process of the site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the public exposed to high-risk construction work, or plant and equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a potential for construction building debris (including wind-blown debris) to leave the site – ie inadequate waste containment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a potential for unauthorised access on the site by any individuals? Consider access: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To hazardous materials</li> <li>• To plant materials</li> <li>• Overnight or when the site is unsupervised</li> <li>• By climbing over or under the existing fence</li> <li>• To electricity or services</li> <li>• To scaffolding, upper storey floor levels, ladders or penetrations</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any other hazards on site that need to be isolated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you tick 'yes' to any of the questions but choose not to install fencing, explain here how you will secure the site:		
<b>PART 2</b>		
Where you have decided that you need to fence your construction site, this checklist will help you to ensure that your fencing meets work health and safety requirements. If you tick 'no' to any question, you need to address the issue before starting work.		
<b>Criteria for Safety and Security Fencing</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Is the fencing constructed from suitable, dedicated materials with no holes or gaps?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the fencing panels difficult to climb?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is access under or through the fence barricaded - ie no gaps throughout the construction process?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is fencing erected on a firm foundation throughout the construction process?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the fencing installed on level ground - ie a lean of less than three degrees out of vertical?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the fence erected in a general straight line within the site boundary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you have temporary fencing, is it erected within the boundaries of the construction site? (If fencing protrudes onto public areas, you need permission from the council.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are electrical turrets external to the installed fence?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is fencing stable and able to withstand any anticipated loads to which it will be subjected - including wind loads, persons attempting to scale it, forces caused by people in heavy pedestrian areas or impact forces from vehicles or plant?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is fencing installed in line with the designers, manufacturers and supplier's instructions and specifications?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are adequate support brackets installed – especially if shade cloth, signage or advertisements are installed on any section of the fencing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all fence fittings – including clamps – installed securely, with the nuts on the inside for added security?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do fencing gates provide the same level of security as the rest of the fence? (locks and chains should be fitted for added site security and safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are gates overlapped so they can be locked easily, and are they reasonably level for opening safely?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does signage on the fence include relevant information – including 24 hour emergency contact name and telephone numbers,	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all fencing panels handled safely and stored in the flat (horizontal) position?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the fence regularly inspected (weekly, dependent on the work and activities undertaken on site) to ensure it is safe, secure and still fit for purpose?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Note: Fencing can only be removed from the site when all hazards, including site waste, have been removed.		