

Providing boundaries for play

Sturdy fences and latches and designated play boundaries are important components to safe play areas

- Fence height should be sufficient to keep children inside while keeping hazards outside
- Fence slats should be spaced less than 3 1/2" or more than 9" to avoid head entrapment
- Fence slats should be vertical instead of horizontal to deter children from climbing over the fence
- Chain link fences are a good choice, offering stability and safe openings
- Barbed wire, smooth wire and woven wire (e.g. chicken wire) fencing should be avoided
- Hedge and shrub rows should be thick enough to achieve the desired boundaries

