

DOGS – Fencing Standards for Dangerous Dogs

- (a) Fencing must be a minimum height of 1600mm (1.6m), must be wooden or steel framed, fence posts must be securely sunk at least 460mm (46cm) deep and secured by concrete and the fence must be faced by either wooden palings, steel rods, chain link mesh or corrugated iron. Wooden palings or steel rods must be no more than 50mm (5cm) apart; and
- (b) Where the wall of a dwelling, garage or other building of at least 1600mm (1.6m) high forms part of the fenced portion of the property, the fencing standards will not apply; and
- (c) Where hedges and the like form the boundary, these will need to be replaced or reinforced with a complying fence; and
- (d) Every gate must have a latch. Where the latch is inside the fence, and can only be reached over the top of, or through a hole in, the fence or gate the latch and the lowest point of the hole must be at least 1200mm (1.2m) above the ground on the outside of the fence; and
- (e) Where the latch is on the fence, it must be at least 1500mm (1.5m) metres above ground; and
- (f) Every gate must have a device which will automatically close and latch it when it is stationary and 150mm (15cm) from the closed position. This is to ensure that the gate or door will not remain open when it is released. A self-closing and latching gate or door is critical; and
- (g) The gate is clear of anything that could hold them open and no other means of holding them open is provided and when lifted up or pulled down they do not release from the latch, come off the hinges, or provide a ground clearance of greater than 100mm (10cm); and
- (h) The gate must also carry an entry warning sign in an obvious placement before entry is gained.