

Fences Required - Reminder For All Home Child Care Providers:

Effective September 1, 2011 and according to rules R430-90-6(8) and R430-50-6(8), a provider is required to have a fence or solid natural barrier at least four feet high, with no gaps larger than 5" x 5" that separates the outdoor play area from the hazard, if any of the following conditions exist:

1. If the licensee's or certificate holder's home is located on a street or within 1/2 mile of a street with more than two lanes of traffic or a speed limit higher than 25 miles per hour, or
2. If there is livestock, dangerous machinery (such as farm equipment), or a drop-off of more than 5 feet, on or within 50 yards of the property, or
3. If there is a water hazard (such as a swimming pool, pond, ditch, lake, river, creek, or animal watering trough) on or within 100 yards of the property, or
4. If there is barbed wire within 30 feet of the children's play area.

If you have any questions about fencing, please contact your Licensing Specialist, or the Child Care Licensing Training Specialist, Karrie Phillips, 801-584-8292.