



# HSEM ALERT

## Temporary Fencing Safety

### Who needs to read this?

All Curtin University Staff & Contractors

### Details

Temporary Fencing is a modular, self-supporting structure mainly used to provide a visual barrier, control unauthorised access and maintain asset protection.

All temporary fencing and temporary hoarding shall be erected by a competent installer in accordance to the specific hirer's instruction/installation manual.

### What can you do?

If you require the use of temporary fencing for an event or activity, you must ensure that a Risk Assessment is completed and includes but not limited to:

- Approvals from the Curtin Responsible Officer (CRO) / Event Organiser (EO)
- Fence line to be determined by site inspections. Site inspections to be conducted by the CRO/EO and contractor undertaking the installation.
- Site inspection to identify hazards and site specific requirements (i.e., uneven ground, sloping sites, wind/environmental conditions etc.).
- Installation to be compliant with regional wind categories.
- The fence and its counterweights to be placed so that they do not protrude onto access ways in a manner that obstructs access/egress or is hazardous to pedestrians (trip hazard).
- The use of signs or additional windbreaks (shade cloth, safety signage etc.) is NOT recommended and should be kept to a minimum. Where these are installed, additional bracing shall be considered to maintain the integrity of the fence.



- Each fencing panel should be clamped to the next using galvanised bolted/clamped brackets provided.
- Fence system integrity to be maintained at all times.
- Inspection of fence to be undertaken by the CRO/EO and contractor after initial set up, prior to and during the event/activity. Where conditions change, the CRO/EO/contractor shall implement additional controls.

### **Who do we call with questions?**

If you have any queries, please contact Health, Safety and Emergency Management on 9266 4900 or email [healthandsafety@curtin.edu.au](mailto:healthandsafety@curtin.edu.au).

### **References**

Occupational Safety and Health Act 1994

Occupational Safety and Health Regulations 1996

[Australian Standard 4687 – 2007 Temporary fencing and hoardings](#)

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