

### What?

- A fence is a structure that encloses an area, usually outdoors, and is typically constructed from posts that are connected by boards, wire, rails or netting.
- It differs from a wall in not having a solid foundation along its whole length.



### Why?



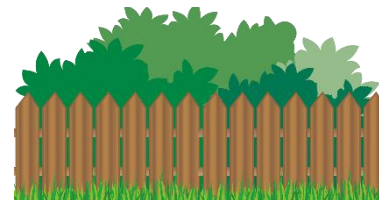
- Fencing is used for a number of reasons: such as to protect livestock from roaming, to enhance the appearance of a garden or to mark the perimeter of a nature reserve.
- Building or repairing a fence may involve using a range of tools and carrying heavy materials. Care should be taken to use the correct manual handling techniques and use the tools in a safe manner to avoid injury.

### Do ✓

- ✓ Transport materials in the minibus safely to prevent movement during the journey
- ✓ Check the site for uneven ground
- ✓ Use appropriate tools for the job e.g. fencing pliers, hammers, drills and saws
- ✓ Be aware of sharp ends to staples and nails
- ✓ Use appropriate lifting and handling techniques
- ✓ Be aware of the length of timber rails when moving around to avoid hitting anyone
- ✓ Wear gloves to avoid getting splinters
- ✓ Keep a tidy work space; check for dropped staples/nails
- ✓ Ensure sharp ends of staples/nails are hammered in
- ✓ Check the gate as you go along to make sure it swings correctly before you postcrete it in!

### Don't ✗

- ✗ Don't breathe in deeply when emptying postcrete
- ✗ Don't wear a glove on the tool hand when using a swinging tool
- ✗ Don't lift a gate on your own - they are heavy, so always use two people



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