Western Prairie Human Services

Fence Recommendations for

Licensed Family Child Care Providers

Minnesota Rule 9502.0425, Subp 2: **Outdoor play space.**

There must be an outdoor play space of at least 50 square feet per child in attendance, adjacent to the residence, for regular use, or a park, playground, or play space within 1,500 feet of the residence. On-site supervision must be provided by a caregiver for children of less than school age when play space is not adjacent to the residence. Enclosure may be required by the agency to provide protection from rail, traffic, water, or machinery hazard. The area must be free of litter, rubbish, toxic materials, water hazards, machinery, unlocked vehicles, human or animal wastes, and sewage contaminants.

* If any of the above dangers exist within 50 yards of the child care residence, you must have a fenced in play area for children.
* If any of the above dangers exist within 100 yards of the child care residence, the agency will view the parcel and make a fair and safe decision. This is considered a gray area where common sense and safety are taken into consideration. A fence may or may not be required, however, strongly recommended.
* If any of the above dangers are beyond 100 yards of the residence, a fence will most likely not be required, however, strongly recommended.

Minnesota Rule 9502.0315, Subp 29a: **Supervision.**

"Supervision" means a caregiver being within sight or hearing of an infant, toddler, or preschooler at all times so that the caregiver is capable of intervening to protect the health and safety of the child. For the school age child, it means a caregiver being available for assistance and care so that the child's health and safety is protected.

High traffic areas, include, but are not limited to: Ashby: Hwy 10, Hwy 4, and Hwy 78

Hwy 82 Barrett: Hwy 59, Hwy. 55, Hwy 2 Charlesville: Hwy 9, Hwy 18, 230th Street Elbow Lake: Hwy 55, Hwy 59, Hwy 79, Hwy 4. Herman: Hwy 9, Hwy 27, and Berlin Ave. Hoffman: Hwy. 27, Hwy 55. Norcross: Hwy 9, Griswold Ave. Wendell: Hwy 55, Hwy 11 Erdahl: Hwy 79 Starbuck HWY 28, HWY 114. Glenwood: HWY 28, HWY 29, HWY 104, Hwy 55. Villard: Hwy 59Farwell: Hwy 55 Sedan: HWY 55, HWY 29. Cyrus: HWY 28 Westport: HWY 28. Grove Lake: CNTY 22

*Each property and child care set up is unique. Western Prairie Human Services Department has the discretion to make exceptions/additions to these guidelines. Failure to comply may result in a Correction Order, Conditional License, etc.*