

Retaining Walls & Fences - Information



Retaining walls

Retaining walls that retain more than 500mm high are required to have a building permit.

Neighbours written permission is required if accessing adjoining property.

The following forms can be downloaded from the Department of Mines, Industry Regulations and Safety website:

Walls, fences and dividing fences

Boundary fencing are governed by the [Dividing Fences Act 1961](#).

A dividing fence is any wall, fences or similar structure located on or near a common boundary or adjoining land or on a line other than the common boundary.

A building permit is required for a fence exceeding 1.2 metres in height from the natural ground level within three (3) metres of the front boundary of any lot.

If you are a property owner and are constructing a dividing fence, you should know your obligations and responsibilities under the Act.

The Shire does not administer the Act but can provide advice if required, practically of the definition of a sufficient fence for a zone within the Shire for the purposes of the Act. Please direct any dividing fences disputes to the [Department of Mines, Industry Regulations and Safety](#).

More information and contacts

For more information, [please contact us](#).