

## BENTON COUNTY FENCE GUIDELINES

The Day Care Rule 9502.0425 Sub. 2, requires that a play area be fenced in when the area is near a busy street or highway, railroad tracks, or water. Because the word near is so vague, Benton County Human Services' licensing team has adopted a policy to ensure fairness among providers and to promote safety for the children. The policy is as follows:

- If any of the dangers exist **within 50 yards** of the day care residence, you **must** have a fenced in play area.
- If any of the danger exists **within 100 yards** of the day care residence, the licensor will view the parcel and ask the team of licensors for assistance in making a fair and safe decision. This is considered, generally, a **gray area** where common sense and safety is taken into considerations.
- If any of the dangers are **beyond 100 yards** of the residence, a fence will most likely not be required, however **strongly recommended**.

This policy is only a suggested pattern. Each property and day care set up is unique. Benton County Human Services always has the discretion to make exceptions/additions to this policy. Safety is always the number one issue with licensing a home for the purpose of day care.

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Provider Signature

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Date

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Licensing Worker Signature

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