



Fencing and Barricades

Construction fencing will be designed and erected around job sites where there is a possibility of injury to employees, students, or the public. Special precautions must be taken to protect ALL persons utilizing the University facilities. During active excavation/trenching operations, fencing and/or attendants shall be present to prevent unauthorized entry into the site.

The following guidelines are applicable to all types of construction sites:

- The contractor shall maintain an accessible corridor that provides at least one safe path of travel for all pedestrians at all times.
- If a portion of the pedestrian way is rerouted due to construction, the path of the travel shall be clearly defined. Signs with a minimum of 36"x36" must be posted stating the sidewalk is closed and detour pedestrians to accessible sidewalk.
- Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) shall be advised of any work that will impede fire apparatus response.
- EHS shall be advised of any work that may interfere with exiting in stairs, corridors, etc. Stairwell doors must not be blocked or "wedged open" to prevent closure in an emergency.
- Barricades that are impenetrable shall be used to separate pedestrians from hazards on all sides of the construction site.
- "Caution Tape" shall NOT be used by itself to delineate the path of travel or create a barricade.
- Surfacing of pedestrians' corridors – temporary paving surfaces, walking surfaces and steel plates, etc. shall have a smoothly finished, firm walking surface made even with surrounding walkways.
- The contractor shall install and maintain temporary concrete, asphalt or wood ramps to provide a safe path of travel for mobility-impaired pedestrians at all locations where ramps have been temporarily removed or are needed to route pedestrians.
- All fences must be minimum height of 42" and capable of withstanding 200 lbs. of force indicated by OSHA regulations.
- The contractor or WVU department which erects the fence shall take care to see that no construction equipment, material, fencing and/or construction debris are outside of the fence area.
- The fence must be maintained in good condition with a good appearance, rigid, plumb, and safe throughout the construction period.
- A daily inspection of the jobsite shall be made by the party who erects the fence. Any deficiencies shall be corrected immediately.

