

Building Information Sheet - Front Fence

What is a front fence?

A **front fence** includes a **wall, screen, barrier or similar structure** located:

- Within the **front setback area**, and/or
- **Abutting a street boundary**

A front fence is classified as a **Class 10b structure**.

Do I need a Building Permit?

No, a **Building Permit is not required** for the construction, erection or placement of a **front fence**, provided it is constructed in accordance with the **City of Armadale Fencing Local Law 2011**.

Exception: A **private swimming pool safety barrier** is subject to separate requirements.

To view the **City of Armadale Fencing Local Law 2011**, visit:

<https://www.armadale.wa.gov.au/local-laws>

If your proposed fence **does not comply** with the **Fencing Local Law 2011**, you may apply for a **Fencing Local Law Variation**.

For more information:

<https://my.armadale.wa.gov.au/service/what-can-i-build>

In some situations, a front fence may also be a **dividing fence** between adjoining properties. If this applies, the **Dividing Fences Act 1961** may apply, and you may need to discuss the proposed fence with your neighbour.

For more information on dividing fences:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/multi-step-guides/dividing-fences>

What kind of front fence can I build?

The **zoning of your property**, together with the **City of Armadale Fencing Local Law 2011**, determines the type of front fence you may construct.

Requirements vary for **residential, industrial and rural properties**, including:

- **What constitutes a sufficient fence**
- **Requirements within the front setback area**
- **Permitted fencing materials**

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Your property may also be affected by a:

- **Local Development Plan (LDP)**, or
- **Detailed Area Plan (DAP)**

These plans may include **additional fencing requirements or restrictions** imposed by the property developer.

To determine whether an **LDP or DAP** applies to your property, visit the City's Online Mapping service:

<https://www.armadale.wa.gov.au/online-mapping-intramaps>

Important Information

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For further information contact **Building Services** on **9394 5000**.

Front Fence Example

