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## THE BIG FENCING DEBATE:



STEEL

vs.



WOOD

Whether you're about to embark on a project to install boundary fencing for a school, park, hospital, high security location, or simply your back garden, one of the first things you'll be considering is cost of materials, aesthetics, and longevity.

Which brings us to the question: which is better, wood or metal fencing?

**Find out more about the pro's and cons of the two major types of fencing to help make your decision easier.**

### Wooden fencing



#### Plus points



##### VERSATILITY

Wooden fencing can come in many different designs, styles & colours



##### COST

Relatively inexpensive, depending on the type of wood you choose



##### PRIVACY

Great for privacy, and can be configured for better acoustic management

#### Downsides



##### HIGH MAINTENANCE

Wood requires a lot of regular maintenance, like treatment, staining & post care over time.



##### WEATHERING

Wood is a natural product, meaning warping and rotting can occur over time due to excess moisture.



##### PESTS

It's not just humans that love wood, pests can be a problem, causing destructive infestations

### Steel fencing



#### Plus points



##### STRONG & SECURE

Steel is powerful & strong, making it perfect for protective barriers



##### DURABLE

Steel fencing is galvanised and powder coated to prevent rusting. So it'll look as good in 15-20 years as it does now.



##### LOW MAINTENANCE

Great for privacy, and can be configured for better acoustic management

#### Downsides



##### COST

Because of the cost of materials and labour, your initial up front cost for steel fencing is likely to be higher compared to wood. However, in the long run, your costs are likely to balance out with it being low maintenance.

### So, what's the outcome?

The primary reason for your fencing, and your budget are likely to determine which material you choose. If you're looking for complete privacy, don't require high security, and can afford the time and money for maintenance, then wood is your more likely option. However, if you require something sturdier, more durable and more secure, steel would be your favourite.

Both wood and steel can be created to look very attractive, and both are customisable in terms of colour and design (steel to an extent depending on its purpose).

### Why choose the New Forest Fencing Group?



At the **New Forest Fencing Group**, we've been providing expert advice, manufacture and installation of wood and steel fencing for **over 50 years**.

So when it comes to helping you to make the right decision for your needs, our on-hand experts will provide you with a range of suitable options and a **free audit of your site**.

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