Bollard spacing and setbacks

A one-page cheat sheet of commonly cited figures for path widths, gaps between bollards and wheel stop setbacks. Full guide: safewiseaustralia.com/guides/bollard-spacing/

Path widths

Use	Width
One ambulant person	1000mm
Wheelchair user	1200mm
Two people passing	1500mm
Wheelchair 180° turn	1800mm

Commonly cited: Victorian Government *Design for Everyone*, based on AS 1428.1. Check the current edition.

Gaps between bollards

Pedestrian areas	About 1000–1200mm clear is common
To stop a car	Under about 1500mm clear (cars are roughly 1.7–1.9m wide)

Clear gap vs centres. The figures above are the clear gap between bollard edges, not centre to centre. Some councils quote 1.5m between centres. Check your council.

Off a path edge

Bollards are commonly placed at least 500mm off a path edge. Council guidance commonly asks for this; Sunshine Coast Council, for example, references Austroads Guide to Road Design Part 6A.

Wheel stop setbacks

Obstruction at the head of the bay	Nose-in	Reverse-in
Kerb 150mm or lower	620mm	900mm
Higher kerb or wall	820mm	1100mm

Commonly cited from AS/NZS 2890.1. Maximum wheel stop height commonly cited: 100mm. Check the current edition.

Who decides

- Engineer, access consultant or certifier for anything that must comply
- Council for works on a footpath, nature strip or road reserve
- Owners corporation for strata common property

General guidance, not a compliance certificate. Check the current edition of any standard. SafeWise bollards are not crash-rated. These are commonly cited figures from the sources named, not requirements. Your engineer, certifier or council decides.