

3.1.4 - OUT OF BOUNDS

This standard was a commonly missed item on a number of recent accreditation visits, so we want to highlight it to remind camps of its importance. In particular, 3.1.4 f) "Campsite Perimeters" was of note.

3.1.4 "Member camps must clearly identify areas that are out-of-bounds to campers. These areas include:

- a) Corrals and other Animal Enclosures
- b) Pools and Waterfront Areas
- c) Kitchens, Utility Rooms, Storage Rooms, Equipment Sheds
- d) Maintenance Areas
- e) Climbing Walls and Fitness Courses
- f) Campsite Perimeters
- g) Challenge Courses

Marking off out-of-bounds areas (including the edge of the property) plays an important part in ensuring camper safety. It also demonstrates due diligence should an unauthorized person be injured upon entering an out-of-bounds area.

This standard can be met quite easily by posting signs on doors, trees, fences etc. and at any obvious points where campers may leave the site. The signs must indicate when the areas may be entered, and the conditions for entry (3.1.5). Stating "campers must be supervised" or "staff only" or "Out-Of-Bounds unless properly supervised" can all meet this requirement.



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