

Animal Fences

Objective: Students will learn to stay outside animal fences.

Concept: Fences on the farm are important barriers for children to stay safe. They need to understand the importance of the rules concerning fences and abide by them.

Targeted Age: Early elementary

Materials:

- ▶ Farm scene
- ▶ Paper or magnetic animals/objects

Using the magnetic farm scene board (Available through Farm Safety for Just Kids) or the poster farm scene, place fences and animals where they should be in relation to each other. More details are given with the demonstration and poster/activity. (See paper animal activity poster). Laminating the posters and figures will extend the poster's usefulness.

This activity can be conducted using children's toy farm sets or Lego sets.

Q: While watching animals from outside the fence, how should you behave?

A: Use calm, low voices so you don't startle the animals. Don't tease the animals. It is best to feed animals from outside the fence. Always have an adult close by.

Q: How does animal behavior change when their routine is disturbed?

A: Animals can be agitated when their routine is broken. They may push and shove humans or be forceful.

