Safety at the Zoo

Smithsonian National Zoological Park
Zoo Signs

At the Zoo, I may see signs telling me important information about good Zoo behavior.
Signs at the Zoo

Some signs may tell me ‘not to touch’.
Some signs may also tell me that it is OK to touch something.
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Some signs may tell me ‘Nobody Home.’ This means that the animal is not in the exhibit right now. This is OK. I can move to the next exhibit to see other animals.
Signs at the Zoo

Some signs may tell me that an exhibit is closed. That is OK. I can go to the next exhibit that is open.
Staying in the Right Place

While I am visiting the zoo, it is important that I stay in the ‘right place.’ A ‘right place’ is an area that is safe for visitors to be while they are at the zoo.
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While I am at the zoo, I might see signs telling me how to stay in the right place.
Staying in the Right Place

Zoos use barriers to keep people in the right place. There are many different kinds of barriers I might see at the Zoo keeping me in the right place.
Different Types of Barriers

One kind of barrier I might see is a railing.
Different Types of Barriers

Another type of barrier I might see is a fence.
Different Types of Barriers

I might also see a glass barrier helping me to stay in the right place.
Staying With My Adult

While I am at the zoo it is important to stay with my adult.
My adult can help me stay safe and have fun.

Staying with adult picture
It is important to stay safe at the Zoo.

When I visit the zoo, it is important to try to

• pay attention to the signs
• stay in the right place
• stay with my adult

Following these steps will help me to stay safe at the zoo.