

The Enclosure Act



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It has been noticed that we have had an increase in roping or fencing off various parts of the living history over the last few years, and considering that historically "The Vikings" have not done this, serious debate has ensued between the LHE Admin team and at the latest Jarl's Meeting.

As a result the official line on roping off your living history at Society major or medium shows is as follows...

The society discourages all roping or fencing off of LHE, but if your group feels it necessary to have some refuge for valuables, or simply somewhere to relax away from the public, then they are allowed to enclose a reasonable part of the display.

Notwithstanding this allowance, at least some part of each group's LHE must be readily approachable by the public without barriers to block access.

There are of course some areas that require roping off in all circumstances. These areas include 'dangerous' crafts such as blacksmithing using a forge, or wood chopping areas. Areas for weaponry displays can also benefit from separation from the public. In short a modicum of common sense is required for such high risk activities.

If you do want to rope off an area not deemed to be 'dangerous' we suggest enclosing sleeping (authentic but non display) tents and other tents/structures that are not used for public display or crafts etc. (Mind you I suppose that some sleeping tents could quite reasonably be deemed to be dangerous in certain prevailing conditions... I meant after a curry you mucky minded lot !)

I would specifically note that it is not necessary to rope off fires, although it is not banned. If your fire is roped off it does not absolve you of your responsibility to have a responsible adult attend the fire at all times. You cannot rope the fire off and use this as an excuse to leave the fire unattended.

These rules apply to Society run events only. At your own group minor shows you may do whatever you deem appropriate. At medium shows the hosting Herred have the decision.

Wherever ropes or fences are used all means of enclosure must be authentic and be fit for purpose. IE :- made of period rope or fencing that looks like it could form a proper barrier.

As with everything in the LHE all barriers must be safe. IE :- Tops of ropes and fences should be at waist height so as not to form a trip hazard. Fences and/or rope posts must not have any sharp edges. Fences and/or rope posts must be stable.

Trust that this clarifies the situation for everyone.

Regards

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