

## Innovative Safety Ideas

**Doug Vanderwald, Camp Roger:** At our waterfront we painted the edge of our docks green where campers are allowed to dive into deep water, and we painted the docks red where only jumping is allowed. This dramatically reduces the risk of back and head injuries when campers get so caught up in the fun that they forget which dock they are allowed to dive from.

**Loss Control Comment:**

*We've seen a number of spinal injuries at camps over the years specifically related to campers not recognizing the dangers of shallow water dives. This idea may help to alleviate these types of accidents. Keep in mind that a color blind person would still need the words "no diving" and water depths stenciled on the dock, as required by most state laws.*

**Jean Huelsing, Camp Jump Start:**

Campers leaving the cabin at night while counselors are asleep can be a problem. We place wind chimes on the inside door handle of the front and back cabin doors. During orientation, we make the kids aware of the consequences of leaving the cabin at night, so if they are caught there is no gray area. It's worked very well for us.

**Loss Control Comment:** *This is an interesting idea in that it not only alerts a staff person that someone is leaving but also when someone is coming into the cabin. It's not foolproof, but it's a low-key way of improving camp security.*