Dependency Boundary Protection

Support without replacing autonomy over time.

Use when

- Interactions are repeated over time.
- Users defer judgment to the system or role.
- Exclusivity cues appear ('only you can help').
- Help begins to substitute for capacity.

How to run (5 min)

- Check for exclusivity language and remove it.
- Reinforce agency: frame outputs as inputs, not answers.
- Maintain temporal boundaries and visible off-ramps.
- Prevent role creep (advisor ≠ decider).
- Record a one-sentence trace.

Non■Exclusivity
No 'best/only/safest source' positioning.

Ask:

- Are alternatives encouraged?
- Is disengagement safe?
- Is external validation supported?

Agency
Help strengthens judgment.

Ask:

- Where do we surface uncertainty?
- What choice is returned to the user?
- What is the next smallest safe step?

Off■Ramps
Make exits visible.

Ask:

- When should a human intervene?
- What resources should be used instead?
- What triggers escalation?

Record a trace (1 sentence)
Trace sentence: "HPC-4 · Dependency risk check run. Off-ramps added. Role bounded. Next step: [action]."