

MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM



HUNTING SAFETY



Over 50% of hunting accidents are tree stand related.

Unfortunately, statistics have shown that tree stand accidents are currently the number one cause of hunter-related injury every season. In fact, it's estimated that one out of every three deer hunters who hunt from elevated stands are likely to experience a fall at some point in their lives that will result in serious injury. In order to avoid these senseless and often tragic accidents, follow these important safety tips when hanging, climbing, hunting or descending from a tree stand this fall..

Tree Stand Safety

- Wear your harness while climbing and descending
- Don't use dead trees or telephone poles to hang tree stand
- Inspect your tree stand before each use
- Practice setting up your stand before hunting season
- Always unload your rifle before raising or lowering



Guns go BANG. That's what they do. They are used safely millions upon millions of times every year, but the potential for injury and death is always there. For this reason, we need to follow basic safety rules at all times when handling firearms.

Rifle Safety

Other Recommendations

- Never point a rifle at anyone
- Be positive about your target and consider what happens if you miss
- Never climb a fence or tree with a loaded rifle
- Don't mix alcohol and drugs with a rifle
- Unload your rifle before putting it in your vehicle
- Assume every rifle is loaded, and don't take someone's word for it - check it yourself
- Keep the safety on until you're ready to shoot
- Wear 500 square inches of hunter orange above the waist

- Wearing a Full body harness offers the best protection
- Tell someone where you will be hunting
- Carry a first aid kit in your pack
- Know how to use your GPS; it will save you lots of embarrassment
- Take a whistle so you can be heard for miles if you become lost
- Use a holster to carry pistols
- Do not discharge a firearm within 50 yards of a public road

By following these safety tips you'll return safely home to your family and loved ones after each and every hunt. Good luck & good hunting!

Click the Hunter and the Rifle for more information



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