

Model: BDH-2000S / BDH-2001S

Full Body Fall Arrest System (FAS)

MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT—300 POUNDS



SAFETY WARNING

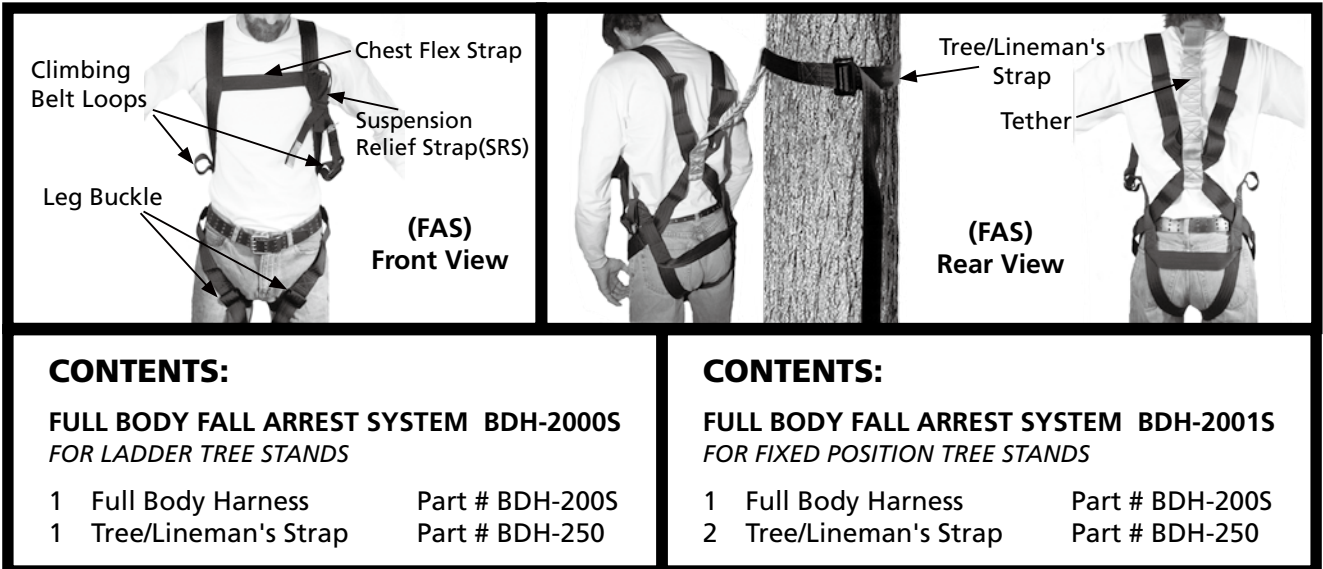
Failure to Read and Understand ALL Instructions and Safety Warnings could result in serious injury or death!

- NEVER exceed the 300 pound weight limit of your FAS. This weight limit includes your body weight plus the weight of your gear and clothing.
- NEVER carry anything on your back, waist, or side while ascending or descending from the tree.
- NEVER be detached from the tree for any reason from the time you leave the ground until you return to the ground. Always wear your FAS Harness while staying connected to the tree by means of the tether strap, Tree/Linemans strap, or both at all times. Practice at ground level with FAS and treestand before using in an elevated position.
- Carefully inspect your FAS & All Expiration Tags before each and every use for any possible cuts, damage, or tears in the webbing, straps, and threads. DO NOT use if there are any visible signs of damage or wear. If for any reason you feel your FAS is damaged or worn-do not use it and destroy it and hunt from the ground. Call Big Dog Treestands at 1-866-387-2002 for a replacement at a minimal charge. If any questions for proper use or concerns, call 1-866-387-2002 before using any Big Dog Treestand products.
- This Full Body Fall Arrest System (FAS) is designed for individual use only.
- PRACTICE and understand the total use of your Full Body Fall Arrest System at GROUND LEVEL before using this product(s). Failure to adequately secure the lineman's or tree strap properly to the tree could result in serious injury or death.
- Always have a cell phone, walkie-talkie, whistle, GPS locator, or two-way radio on your person at all times while hunting in the event of a fall or accident. Always make sure that someone knows your location and the time you are due back home or to camp.
- Prepare/Practice/Know a safe rescue, suspension relief, and recovery plan in the event that a fall would occur. If fall occurs while wearing FAS, "DON'T PANIC". Remain "Calm" and implement your recovery/suspension relief/rescue plan you prepared/practiced. Note: Prolonged suspension can be fatal. Hunt from the ground if self-recovery/rescue/suspension relief plan or FAS is absent. Always wear a FAS at all times after leaving the ground and NEVER be detached from the tree for any reason or at any time. Insure your Suspension Relief Strap (SRS) is readily accessible in the event of a fall would occur. The (SRS) strap should NEVER be removed from your Full Body Harness.
- If your Full Body Fall Arrest System has been stressed, impact loaded, have sustained a fall while using it, or is weathered or outdated, destroy it and obtain a new replacement FAS before leaving the ground.
- Never loan your Full Body Fall Arrest System to anyone until they have read/understood the complete set of product safety warnings and instructions, including your stand & FAS. It is your responsibility loaner/seller to make sure that he/she has a complete set of instructions and that he/she reads/understands the instructions/warnings provided with the FAS and the treestand prior each use.
- The "D" ring which is attached to Suspension Relief Strap (SRS) (located through the climbing belt loop) should NEVER be used as a climbing belt location nor should the (SRS) be used as means of a climbing belt.. The Suspension Relief Strap (SRS) is ONLY used to help relieve pressure in the leg straps in the event of a fall would occur. The opposite end of the (SRS) is tied/secured to the opposite climbing belt loop located on the FAS to allow one to stand up in the harness to relieve pressure in the leg straps. NEVER loosen or remove the leg strap buckles.
- Use of a Tree/Linemans belt is Required when using/securing/removing fixed position stands to a tree.
- Never use a FAS or any treestand on any leaning or crooked tree. Insure the tree is straight and free of any branches or debris that would obstruct safe use of the product. Do not use any Big Dog Treestands products on any tree less than 10" in diameter.
- Never use any FAS or treestand around any dead or leaning trees that could possible fall into the path of your location.
- NEVER lean backwards while climbing to or climbing from ANY treestand. ALWAYS have 3-points of contact on the climbing aide while climbing to/from the treestand with your FAS. Never lean backwards for any reason at any time while attached to the tree with your FAS.

FULL BODY FALL ARREST SYSTEM (FAS) USER INFORMATION AND TIPS

- ALWAYS practice at ground level, in presence of responsible/experienced adult, to experience the feeling of hanging suspended before using a Fall Arrest System in hunting environment. Note: Insure not to damage/rip tear aways on FAS located in tether. ALWAYS practice a safe recovery, suspension relief, and rescue plan at ground level with a responsible adult present prior to each use. Understand assembly/fitting/ use of all components of the FAS prior to each use. Also practice in low light conditions as well as well illuminated conditions.
- MAKE sure that your FAS is fitted correctly to your body as shown in the following instructions.
- NEVER make any adjustments to the harness after leaving the ground. All adjustments must be made at ground level.
- MAKE sure that your Lineman's/Tree strap, while connected to your FAS, is placed on the tree as high as possible and NEVER connect the lineman/tree strap to a branch. Always connect the lineman's/tree strap to trunk/body of a healthy straight tree.
- NEVER use a tree that is diseased, dead, leaning, rotted, or has a dead/broken branches/loose bark. Never use the FAS/treestand in high winds, rain storms, or if snow/ice/water is present. If any conditions arise or current, return to the ground safely and immediately.
- Fully understand the threading/connection instructions for the Tree/Lineman's belt prior to each use. Practice at ground level prior to each use.
- NEVER allow the tether strap to get under or around your chin or neck and keep the tether strap distance between you and the tree as short as possible in the event of a fall would occur. This will allow you to recover safely back to the platform if required.
- Insure the tether strap is tight while you are in a seated position. This will prevent you from falling below the platform in the case of a fall would occur.
- NEVER use this Full Body Fall Arrest System (FAS) while under the influence of alcohol, mind altering drugs or narcotics, cold medicine(s), or if you have a history of dizziness, heart problems, chronic back pain, high blood pressure, feeling ill, nauseous, prior medical conditions that could cause a problem i.e., heart condition, joints that lock-up, spinal fusions, etc., dizzy, tired, or any other physical/mental impairment that limits your ability to react/recover/use in the event of a fall would occur. Do not use this product unless released from your doctor for proper/safe use.
- Store your Fall Arrest System and a complete set instructions and warnings in a cool, dry place, away from sunlight, dampness, wildlife and sharp objects.
- REPLACE your Full Body Fall Arrest System every two years or sooner as determined by your regular inspections.
- Big Dog Treestands, Inc. and its retailers/ wholesalers/ distributors will not be responsible for misuse or abuse of your Full Body Fall Arrest System.
- The Suspension Relief Strap (SRS) is to help maintain circulation in the legs and helps prevent blood pooling or suspension trauma. Practice with Suspension Relief Strap to determine correct use/length prior to each use. ALWAYS practice a ground level prior to each use. Learn/Know/Practice your safe recovery, suspension relief, and rescue plan prior to each use. NEVER use ANY treestand or hunt from a elevated position without approved Fall Arrest System (FAS) that you have not practiced with safe/proper use at ground level. If FAS is not present, hunt from the ground.

PRODUCT VIEW

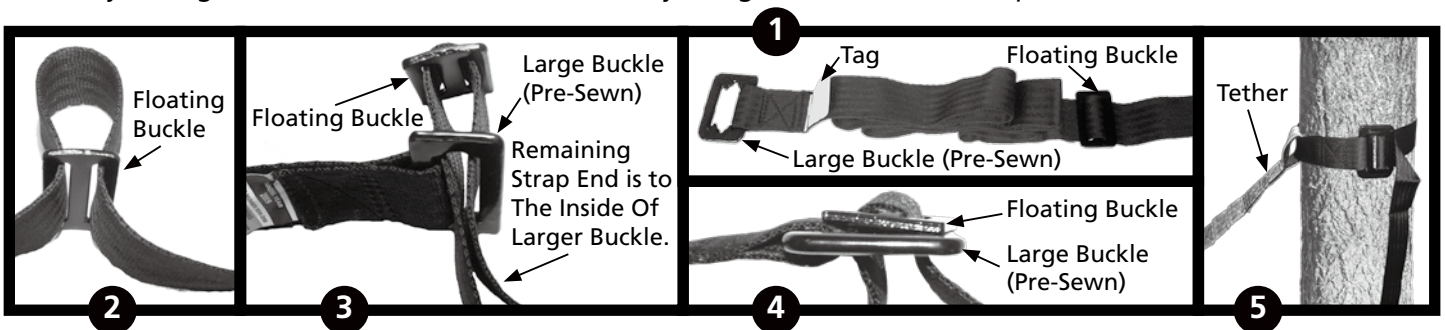


TREE/LINEMAN'S STRAP(S)

Note: Please READ/UNDERSTAND and CONFIRM that the small Floating Buckle has been assembled together properly prior to each use. Re-Threading may be required. Read/Understand ALL instructions/warnings prior to each use.

• FLOATING BUCKLE THREADING

IMPORTANT: Threading of the "Floating Buckle" through the Tree/Lineman's Strap is critical. Lay the Tree/Lineman's Strap flat on the floor so that the tag located near the large pre-sewn buckle is facing UP (*Fig. 1*). Inspect the "Floating Buckle" to insure it is threaded properly (*Fig. 1&2*). If not, re-threading of the "Floating Buckle" will be required. With the Tree/Lineman's strap laying flat on the floor and the tag facing UP, the strap should go up through the first slot of the "Floating Buckle" and back down through the second slot in the buckle (*Fig. 2*). If your FAS has (2) Tree/Lineman's Strap(s), insure both "Floating Buckle(s)" are assembled/threaded properly. Insure the "Floating Buckle" can slide freely through the strap. Inspect the "Floating Buckle" for any damage/wear/or burrs that would cause any damage or wear on the strap.



• BUCKLE CONNECTING/CONNECTION of Tree/Lineman's Strap

Note: When attaching Tree/Lineman's strap to the tree, insure the Tree/Lineman's strap is through the tether strap of the FAS or through BOTH climbing belt loops on the FAS BEFORE leaving the ground. NEVER be detached from the tree at any time.

IMPORTANT: Practice at ground level prior to each use. To secure the Tree/Lineman's strap to the tree, INSURE the tag side of the Tree/Lineman's strap(s) is against the tree. Insert the "Floating Buckle" into the slot of the pre-sewn larger buckle. **IMPORTANT:** DO NOT pull the entire strap through the large pre-sewn strap. The strap length BEHIND the "Floating Buckle" MUST be INSIDE of the large pre-sewn buckle. Next, rest the "Floating Buckle" onto the top side of the large pre-sewn buckle, opposite side of the tag. **NOTE:** INSURE the remaining strap or tail strap behind the "Floating Buckle" is INSIDE of the larger buckle (*Fig. 3&4*). Pull on the remaining or tail strap that is through the large pre-sewn buckle (as well as threaded through the "Floating Buckle") and pull until Tree/Lineman's strap is tight against the tree. Insure the strap is not twisted when installed/wrapped around the tree and the tag is against the tree. Pull on the Tree/Lineman's strap to check to insure the strap was attached properly. Tie off the remaining strap near floating buckle securely (*Fig. 1-5*). **Note:** Insure Tree/Lineman's strap is secured properly through the tether strap or climbing belt loops of the FAS BEFORE securing strap to the tree. **Note:** When positioning the tether strap through the tree/lineman's strap onto the body/trunk of the tree, locate the Tree/Lineman's strap as high as you can to reduce the distance of falling in the event of a fall would occur. Insure the tether strap is tight from the Tree/Lineman's Strap while in a seated position. The buckle connection on the Tree/Lineman's strap should be located 90 degrees from the tether loop connection and 90 degrees from your body when used as a climbing belt. **IMPORTANT:** ALWAYS inspect the tree for any debris, broken branches, sharp bark, nails, or any other sharp objects that may damage or tear any straps of the FAS or strap(s) of the treestand prior to each use and before leaving the ground.

• ATTACHING TREE/LINEMAN'S STRAP TO THE TETHER ON THE FAS

Note: For Fixed Position stands, use the Lineman's Strap is required to be used to remain attached to the tree until the tether strap is secured properly. For use with ladder stands, attach the Tree/lineman's Strap connected through the tether strap immediately upon arrival to the platform to the tree.

IMPORTANT: Refer to ALL prior Tree/Lineman's instructions to confirm that the Tree/Lineman's strap is assembled/threaded correctly and you UNDERSTAND how to properly attach the Tree/Lineman's strap properly to the tree at ground level. Insert the small floating buckle end of the Tree/Lineman's Strap through the looped end of the tether strap on the FAS Harness. Note: The tether is identified by the long silver strap sewn to the FAS Harness. Wrap tree/lineman's strap around the tree. Refer to FLOATING BUCKLE THREADING and BUCKLE CONNECTING/CONNECTION OF TREE/LINEMAN'S STRAP instructions for properly attaching the tree/lineman's strap to the tree. **IMPORTANT:** The Tree/Lineman's strap location on the tree should be affixed so while in a seated position, the tether strap is tight, or you feel tension in the tether strap through the FAS Harness while seated. This will prevent falling below the platform in the event of a fall would occur. Make all adjustments to all parts of the FAS or treestand at ground level before use in an elevated position. (Fig. 1,2,3,4 & 5)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TREE/LINEMAN'S STRAP FOR USE OF CLIMBING

Note: Read and understand ALL TREE/LINEMAN'S STRAP(S) and INSTRUCTIONS OF USE instructions thoroughly prior to use of the Tree/Lineman's Strap with the Full Body Fall Arrest System before leaving the ground.

Note: At NO time should you be detached from the tree. Practice at ground level prior to each use.

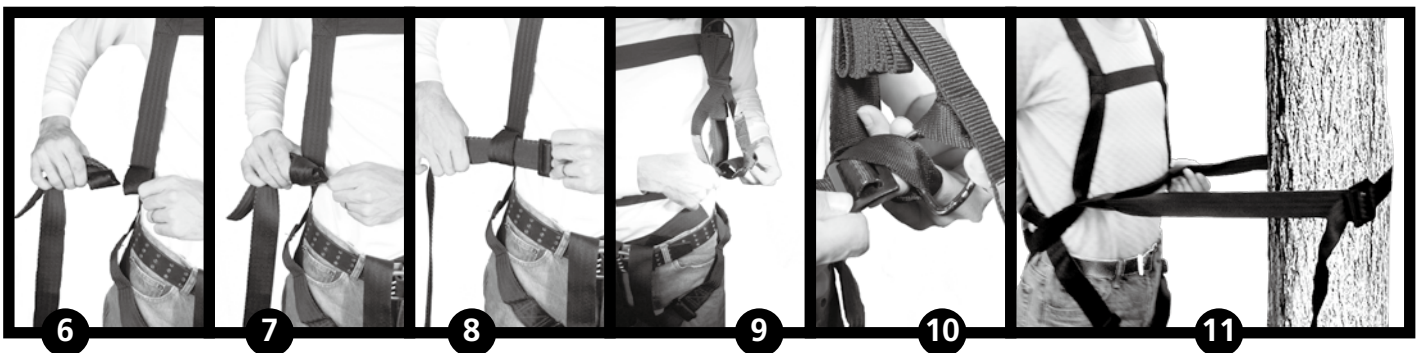
1. **IMPORTANT:** Refer to ALL INSTRUCTIONS OF USE AND ALL TREE/LINEMAN'S STRAPS instructions prior to each use. Insure the small Floating Buckle is assembled correctly prior to each use. Insert the small Floating Buckle that (that is laced properly through the tree/lineman's strap) through BOTH climbing belt loops located on left and right sides of the FAS harness. **NOTE:** DO NOT insert the tree/lineman's strap through the "D" ring nor use the Suspension Relief Strap (SRS) as a climbing belt strap. The small Floating Buckle must be inserted in front of the "D" ring of the (SRS) strap for proper location. (Fig. 6) NEVER REMOVE THE SUSPENSION RELIEF STRAP FROM THE FAS FOR ANY REASON.

2. Wrap the tree/lineman's strap around the tree. Follow the all the directions of the TREE/LINEMAN'S STRAP to secure the tree/lineman's strap to the tree. Make sure the strap is not twisted. Insure the buckle location is 90 degrees from your body. Test and practice at ground level. (Fig. 6,7,8,9,&10)

3. Pull on the tree/lineman's strap and adjust the strap length to the tree at ground level first. Make sure the straps are secured/assembled properly to the tree before you leave the ground. Keep yourself/tree/lineman's strap as close to the tree as possible. (Fig. 11)

4. Slide your climbing aide up or down while moving your tree/lineman's strap as you climb. NEVER lean backwards from the tree nor have your hand or hands off the climbing aide for any reason or at any time while climbing.

IMPORTANT: When at the desired hunting height, be sure to thread the tree/lineman's strap through the loop on the tether and follow the direction of TREE/LINEMAN'S STRAP for proper attachment. NEVER disconnect the Lineman's Strap from the climbing loops of the FAS until the tether strap is attached to the tree securely/correctly. In most cases, you may have to be dually connected to the tree by the tether strap and climbing belt to insure never to be detached from the tree. ALWAYS PRACTICE AT GROUND LEVEL PRIOR TO EACH USE WITH YOUR FAS AND TREESTAND. Call if there are any questions or concerns for safe/proper use of the FAS/Tree/Lineman's strap(s)/Suspension Relief Strap.

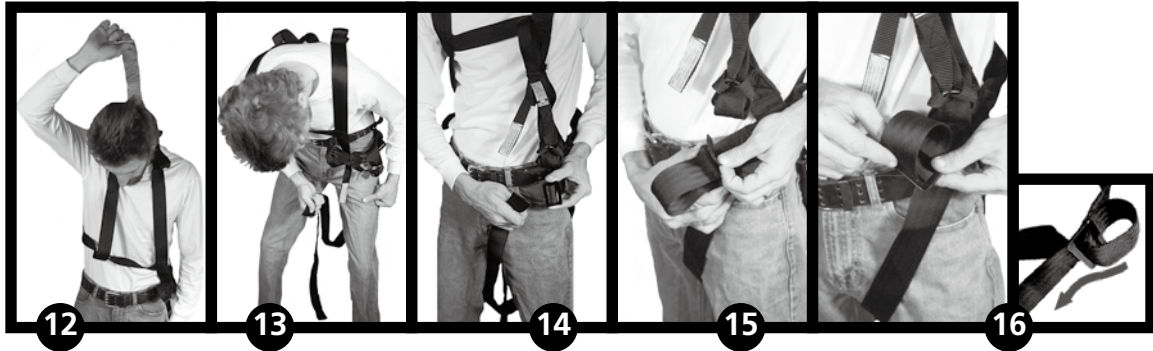


INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

1. Grab the harness tether and locate the chest flex strap located above the climbing belt loops as shown in Fig. 12 and in Front FAS view. Slip the harness over your head between the tether strap and chest flex strap. Insure that the harness strap is not twisted. (Fig. 12) **NOTE:** Insure the leg straps have been un-buckled prior to putting on the harness.

2. Pull the harness down along your sides until the rear support strap is across your buttock (Rear FAS view). Next, reach between your legs and pull the right leg strap through your crouch area. Insure that the rear support strap (located across the buttocks) and leg strap are not twisted. Grab the left leg buckle from your left side and pull the strap and buckle towards your front. Feed the leg strap through the right buckle and thread the strap through the left leg buckle as shown (Fig. 13-16). Repeat for the right leg strap and right leg buckle. Refer to (Fig. 14-16) for proper buckle threading of the leg straps. Insure that both leg straps are firmly secured against your legs and crouch area. **IMPORTANT:** Tie off the remaining strap ends to keep from interfering with climbing or use of the Fall Arrest System.

3. Insure ALL straps of the FAS are NOT twisted and all straps are pulled snugly against the body. Insert the Tree/Lineman's Strap through the tether or climbing belts or both properly as instructed in the Tree/Lineman's Strap instructions. Follow ALL directions/warnings for proper use of FAS/TREE-LINEMAN'S STRAP/Suspension Relief Strap for safe hunting. Note: The tether should be located near the middle of the back or between the shoulder blades. Pull down on the front shoulder straps until the FAS fits comfortably against your body or the flex strap is across your chest. NOTE: This is a universal FAS harness. It may not fit all body types or shapes. If this harness does not fit you properly, you may need to purchase a aftermarket harness that fits your particular body type or weight capacity. NEVER/NEVER use any treestand or leave the ground without the use of an approved Fall Arrest System.



SUSPENSION RELIEF STRAP (SRS) USE/INSTRUCTIONS

Warning: The Suspension Relief Strap (SRS) is to be used ONLY to help relieve pressure in your lower extremities in the event of a fall would occur. The (SRS) should never be used as a climbing belt or climbing belt aide or for any other ways of securing to the tree with the FAS. While using the climbing strap part of the FAS, insure the Tree/lineman's strap is NOT through the "D" ring of the (SRS).

1. In the event a fall would occur, "Remain Calm". Implement your rescue/recovery/suspension relief plan that you have practiced/reviewed at ground level. If unable to return to the platform area, call or notify assistance immediately! Always notify/inform someone your hunting location and time of return prior to each hunt. Never hunt alone and always have a communication device or emergency GPS locator on your person at ALL times. ALWAYS wear a Fall Arrest System at all times after leaving the ground. Never be detached from the tree for any reason or at any time.

2. Located on the left side of the FAS is a Suspension Relief Strap (SRS) located by a orange tag that states "Pull here to Deploy Suspension Relief Strap". Pull on the strap and allow the strap to dangle below your feet. Note: Do not release or let go of the tag end of the SRS strap. The SRS is secured to the "D" ring through the left climbing belt loop. (Fig. 17,18,& 19)

3. Bend your knee's slightly and pull the strap up until tight against the center of your feet. Keeping tension on the strap with your knees bent slightly, tie-off the tag end of the SRS strap through the opposite climbing belt loop (located on right side of FAS) securely. (Fig. 19,20,21,22 & 23)

4. Slowly stand onto SRS strap until some relief is felt in the leg straps or in your lower extremities. The Suspension Relief Strap will not relieve all the pressure in the leg straps. Adjust the SRS strap until desired comfort or relief is tolerable while standing on the SRS strap. NEVER ADJUST/LOOSEN/REMOVE THE LEG STRAP BUCKLES ON THE FAS UNTIL SAFELY ON THE GROUND.

5. IMPORTANT: If suspended for any length of time, insure to bend your knees as much as possible to prevent blood pooling or suspension tramua. The Suspension Relief Strap (SRS) is to help aide in prevention of suspension tramua (blood pooling) but will not prevent suspension tramua from occurring in all cases. Practice using and securing the SRS at ground level before using your FAS or leaving the ground. ALWAYS practice/review with your treestand/FAS and review your practiced rescue/recovery/suspension relief plan in low light conditions as well as installing/buckling/fastening all the components of the Fall Arrest System safely and properly. This will insure you know where/how to install/fasten/use all components of the FAS and the treestand properly in low light and in illuminated conditions. Hunt from the ground if FAS/resuce-recover-relief plan is absent or if unsure on safe or proper use of any part of the treestand or Fall Arrest System. Know, understand, and practice ALL parts of the FAS and treestand prior to each use.

