

SAFETY WARNINGS

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- Read/Understand/Follow ALL Instructions and Warnings Pages thoroughly before using your TMA approved Fall Arrest System (FAS), treestand, ratchet/stabilizing straps/ropes and climbing devices prior to each use. Replace suspected or damaged components with only factory authorized parts and components. Discontinue use if any part of your treestand/FAS shows weathering, damage, or wear. ALWAYS inspect/check ALL expiration dates/tags on all straps/FAS prior to each use.
- Practice using the Treestand and FAS at GROUND LEVEL until comfortable with safe/proper use of both products prior to each use.
- Insure that your Fall Arrest System (FAS), treestand, tree straps and climbing devices are all in good working order without defects, wear, broken or missing parts prior each use. This inspection includes the following prior to each use: Retightening all hardware, inspection of all components made of metallic and non-metallic material which includes straps/ropes/seats/FAS/treestand for excessive wear or damage prior to using ANY product.
- Always wear a TMA approved Fall Arrest System (FAS) properly attached to the tree from the time you leave the ground until the time you return to the ground. Keep the tether strap between you and the tree as short as possible to reduce the distance in the event a fall would occur. Keep the linesman strap tight around the tree while you ascend or descend from the tree. Insure the FAS tether strap is tight while in a seated position.
- Practice your Recovery/Rescue/Relief plan with your (FAS) at ground level prior to each use. Insure a Recovery/Rescue/Relief plan has been practiced and in place prior to each time when hunting in a elevated position. If plan is not in place or practiced, hunt from the ground!!
- Step down into the center of the platform from your climbing aide while attached to the tree with your FAS by either the tether strap or linemans strap. Position your fixed position stand below the end of your climbing aide to allow you to step down safely into the center of the platform.
- Store your Fall Arrest System (FAS), treestand, straps/ropes, complete set of instructions/warnings and all climbing devices in a cool/dry location away from sun light, weathering, sharp objects or any type of wildlife. NOTE: Wildlife may chew on straps/seats while the stand is not in use and may cause serious damage. Check ALL straps and seats prior to each use. Always review all warnings/instructions annually and prior to each use of the products.
- Hunt with a friend/partner to insure that someone knows your hunting location as well as the time you are due to return home or to camp. Practice a safe recovery/rescue/relief plan with your FAS and treestand at ground level prior to each use.
- Before each use, insure that all ladder sections are secured/pinned together, all straps and ropes are free of damage or wear, ground beneath the ladder or foot pads is firm and level, adjustable support bar is attached and secured properly to the tree and the criss-cross ropes are secured properly before each use. Do not use if sections are seperated or if there is any visible wear or damage present on treestand, straps, ropes or FAS.
- Take your time and move slowly at all times while you are using, climbing to, or descending from your treestand. Use 3 Point Climbing Technique while ascending to or descending from this product while using your Fall Arrest System (FAS) at all times. Never lean backwards while climbing.
- Use (3) or more people to set-up or to remove of any treestand unless instructed to have more people present. Use a min. 12" diameter straight/healthy tree on ALL treestands.
- Use a hoist line to pull fixed position stand(s) up to the desired height below the end of the climbing aide while attached to the tree with climbing belt or tether strap of your FAS.
- Understand the intended use for the treestand/FAS and adhere to all instructions/warnings which pertain to the safe use of Big Dog Treestands products.
- Have a cell phone, walkie-talkie, two-way radio, GPS locator or whistle on your person at all times for emergency purposes and ALWAYS inform someone of your hunting location and return time in the event of an emergency. Always practice/review your rescue/recover/relief plan prior to each use.
- There is time to make a correct decision on what action to take if a fall occurs while wearing a full body harness. It is important to remember, "DO NOT PANIC". Remain calm and implement your practiced/reviewed rescue, relief and recovery plan.

WARNING

- You must replace ALL straps (ratchet, button, stabilizing straps/ropes, etc) and suspension seats EVERY year. Use only Big Dog replacement straps and parts. Any other straps or parts will be viewed as a modification to the product. Any modification will void the warranties and relieve Big Dog Treestands Inc. from all liabilities.
- ALWAYS inspect treestand/straps/cables/FAS/ ladder sections are pinned together/ground beneath the ladder stand is firm and level/adjustable support bar is connected to the tree properly prior to each use. Do not use if ANY physical/visible damage/wear is suspected or present.
- It is required that you oil/lubricate ALL hardware prior to each use or as needed. It is recommended that you replace all hardware/cables/nuts/bolts/clips on your tree stand every two years or sooner if inspection finds it necessary. Replace all straps and ropes annually. Store all treestands in a cool dry location away from any moisture.
- Failure to use a TMA approved Fall Arrest System (FAS) at ALL times could result in serious bodily injury or death.
- Insure ALL contact points of the treestands and FAS are in contact with the tree at all times and are secured properly before climbing onto the platform or leaving the ground.
- Proper threading/tightening/fastening/location of all straps/cables are CRITICAL. Insure all straps/cables are properly attached/fastened/secured/loacted on the treestand and to the tree and are free of damage/wear/weathering/deterioration prior to each use.
- Inspect ALL expiration tags on all straps and FAS prior to each use. Replace all straps annually. Replace all hardware every (2) years. Use only Big Dog Treestands certified replacement parts, all other are viewed as a modification to the product. Never use any strap(s) or FAS that has expired or showing any damage or wear.
- Insure all Tripods and Quadpods are properly staked to the ground to prevent movement in the unit during high winds. Always leave enclosure windows open to allow air to flow through the unit. Note: It is advisable to have a certified electrician ground these unit(s) to the ground in the event of being struck by lightning.
- When using ladder stands, attach your Fall Arrest system imediately BEFORE reaching the foot platform area. NEVER stand on or lean on the seat platform while securing or removing any ratchet straps to the tree. The seat platform is to be used for sitting only and NEVER, for any reason, stand or kneel on the seat platform.

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- Leave the ground without properly wearing your TMA approved FAS harness and being properly attached to the tree from the time you leave the ground until you return to the ground. Failure to wear FAS or if FAS is not attached to the tree properly could result in serious injury or death. If FAS is not present, do not leave the ground. Single safety belts straps and chest harnesses ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED AND SHOULD NEVER BE USED.
- Climb with your weapon. Ensure that the firearm/bow is unloaded with its barrel pointed toward the ground when raising or lowering to your stand. Always use a safe hoist/lift system on the opposite side of the tree from which you climbed while attached safely to the tree with your FAS to pull up your firearm or bow.
- Climb with anything on your back/waist/or side that will restrict your movement or will interfere with safely using your FAS harness or treestand.
- Exceed the manufacturer's total weight limit of the treestand or FAS which includes your body weight plus the weight of your clothing & gear.
- Adjust ANY straps/cables/ropes/adjustable support bars while standing on or leaning against any treestand. DO NOT use any treestand if there is any damage, wear, or excessive corrosion on any part of the treestand or FAS. NEVER USE or CLIMB any treestand without the adjustable support bar assembly and criss-cross straps or ropes secured to the tree.
- Use this product if you are under the influence of alcohol, mind-altering drugs, prescription medicine, cold or flu medications, have heart problems or conditions, dizzy or have dizzy spells, sleepy or tired, afraid of heights, physically/mentally impaired to use product properly/safely, feeling ill, nauseous, if Fall Arrest System is not present, or if you have a prior medical condition that could cause a problem i.e, heart condition, joints that lock-up, spinal fusions, etc or if you are not well rested. Do not use ANY product without consent from your medical doctor for safe & proper use of the treestand or Fall Arrest System.
- Modify your stand in any way by repairs, replacing parts, or alternating or adding attachments to without explicitly authorized in writing by manufacturer.
- Replace parts/add attachments/make any adjustments/make repairs unless the product is at GROUND LEVEL only.
- Exceed/modify the suggested manufactures hunting height or weight limit for any product.
- Jump, bounce, lean-out from, lean against shooting rails or SLEEP in any treestand for any reason or at any time.
- Leave any treestand attached to any tree more than (2) two weeks. Tree growth will stress the straps to the point of a possible failure that could result in serious bodily injury or death.
- Use any treestand during thunderstorm/rain/sleet/snow storms or any other adverse weather conditions that have the potential to produce lightning, high winds, or if snow/ice/water is present on the platform or climbing steps. If any of these conditions arise, end your hunt and return the ground.
- Use a tree stand for any purpose other than hunting. Do not use on utility poles or any other man made structures.
- Loan or let anyone use the treestand or FAS Harness without reading/understanding all product instructions/warnings of the product(s). If sold, a complete set of instructions/warnings must be given to purchaser. It is responsibility of the treestand/FAS owner to insure the borrower or buyer furnishes a complete set of instructions and safety warnings.
- Make any modifications/alterations to this product without written consent. Any/All modifications/alterations will void all warranties and relieve Big Dog Treestands Inc. from all liabilities.
- Climb/Use a tree that is diseased, dead, under sized, leaning, has dead/broken branches/loose or sharp bark.
- Stand on the Seat/Foot-Rest or lean against the shooting rail/arm-rests or rely on any branches for support while climbing to or from any treestand. NEVER stand or apply all body weight to the seat platform area while securing or removing any Ladder stand or fixed position. WARNING: ALL criss-cross ropes/straps and the adjustable support bar assembly must be attached and secured from the treestand to the tree at ALL times while securing or removing the Platform Ratchet straps to or from the tree.