

## Using your Deer Stand Properly

### Using your Deer Stand Properly is an Important Part of Safe Hunting

Here's an alarming statistic: According to a study of tree stand accidents in seven states, nearly one in 10 of the falls resulted in death. That's because such falls are usually from significant heights – the ones included in the study averaged 17 feet each.

These statistics, compiled from the 2010-2015 hunting seasons by the [Tree Stand Safety Awareness](#) organization, are enough to get anyone's attention. So how do you make sure you aren't the next statistic?

[A recent story](#) posted on the Quality Deer Management Association's website does a good job of detailing things to think about. And as deer hunting seasons get started around the country, this is a good time to think about the safety of your stands.

Here are three highlights of the safety tips in the story:

- Check your stands for cracks in the metal or welds, and for wear and tear on the chains, cables or straps that hold the stand on the tree.
- As you set up your stands, make sure you are choosing live trees to hang the stands on, and remember to use a safety harness as you set up each stand.
- A safety harness is also essential for when you use your stand. It's also important that you be in your harness as you get in and out of the stand – that's when accidents often occur.

Many of the recreational properties offered for sale by Potlatch are quality hunting sites themselves or are near public lands that are. and the members of the [Potlatch Preferred Broker Network](#) are experts in matching your hunting needs to your property search.

“Our Potlatch Preferred Brokers know hunting, because they love outdoor recreation themselves,” said Mark Bice, who handles real estate and acquisitions in [Alabama](#), [Arkansas](#) and [Mississippi](#) for Potlatch. “It's important for recreational buyers to work with someone who knows how to find and buy a property with access to quality hunting.” With deer hunting seasons getting underway around the country, it's a great time to think about buying your own recreational property. By working with a Potlatch broker, you will save time, because our brokers can quickly help you find a property that fits your needs.

Call one of our brokers today!

