



## Eye on Safety

Hunting Season Safety

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Hunting is a rewarding tradition and a way to connect with nature, but it also comes with serious responsibilities. Each year, preventable incidents occur because the right precautions weren't taken.

Many employees are hunters — or have family and friends who hunt. With bow season right around the corner, it's a good time to refresh on some key safety reminders to help ensure everyone gets home safely.

- Treat every firearm as if it's loaded, and always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you're ready to shoot.
- Be sure of your target and what lies beyond it.
- Wear blaze orange so you're visible to other hunters.
- Protect your hearing and eyesight with proper gear.
- Dress for the weather—hypothermia is a real risk.
- Always use a full-body harness when hunting from a tree stand.
- Stay connected: attach yourself before leaving the ground.
- Inspect your stand, straps, and equipment every time before use.
- Carry essentials such as a first-aid kit, map, GPS, whistle, and flashlight.
- Share your hunting plan and expected return time with someone you trust.

Safety isn't just a work priority — it's a way of life. Whether on the job or in the woods, looking out for yourself and others makes all the difference.

*Enjoy a safe and successful hunting season!*



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