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Treestand Safety Awareness Month is Coming

ROANOKE, Va. — September is designated as Tree Stand Safety Awareness Month. September is the month that most hunters —particularly bowhunters—start heading back to the woods to cut trails and hang stands in preparation for upcoming hunting season making it an opportune time to raise awareness about stand safety.

Use of tree stands is a safe and productive way to hunt if the hunter follows the manufacturer's guidelines. However, falls from tree stands remain the #1 cause of injury and death for deer hunters. Tree Stand Safety Awareness Foundation (TSSA) strives to ensure that every hunter comes home safe to their family and friends. To accomplish this, let's get the season started by putting safety first.

TSSA has designed an educational campaign called the "ABC's of Tree Stand Safety" to serve as the building blocks to the awareness campaign.

- Always remove and inspect your equipment
- Buckle on your full-body harness
- Connect to the tree before your feet leave the ground

By performing these 3 simple steps, tree stand users can virtually eliminate their risk of falling to the ground as the majority of falls occur outside the stand. TSSA encourages all hunters to take tree stand safety seriously, every time you hunt from, hang, or remove a tree stand.

Hunters and members of the industry alike can help spread the message of TSSA Foundation. Visit the TSSA website at www.TreeStandSafetyAwareness.com or on social media at www.facebook.com/TreeStandSafetyAwareness or [@TreeStandSafety](http://www.twitter.com/TreeStandSafety) .

TSSA Foundation is a grassroots 501(c)(3) organization that serves as the industry resource with its sole focus on significantly reducing treestand accidents through promotion, education and best practices. For more info on TSSA, contact Glen Mayhew, DHSc., at TreeStandSafety@gmail.com; 540-985- 8539 or Jay Everett at jay@hssvest.com; 256-773-7732.

