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# September Is Tree Stand Safety Month

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September is designated as Tree Stand Safety Awareness Month. September is the month that most hunters 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, 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.

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