

## Hunting Safety Tips

By following a few, simple rules, bowhunters can enjoy a safe experience in the state's backcountry this season. Most accidents happen because hunters are unsafe in tree stands, or they have arrows out of their quiver when they shouldn't.

Before climbing a tree, make sure it's large enough to hold your weight. To avoid falling while climbing the tree, attach a hauling line to your bow, arrows and other equipment and leave them on the ground. After climbing into your tree stand, attach your safety line. Then use your hauling line to lift your gear to you.

Keep your arrows in a hooded quiver that covers the broadheads, until you're ready to shoot. Archers jabbing themselves or hunters walking close to them, while carrying arrows in their hand that should be in their quiver, is one of the most common accidents during the archery hunts.