



BIG DOG HUNTING FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS (Models BDH-2000S & BDH-2001S) INSTRUCTION MANUAL



**BIG DOG HUNTING FULL-BODY
FALL ARREST HARNESS**

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WARNING! THIS PRODUCT CARRIES A STRICT WEIGHT LIMIT. DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT IF YOU EXCEED THIS TOTAL WEIGHT LIMIT. PLEASE NOTE THIS WEIGHT LIMIT INCLUDES THE USER AND EQUIPMENT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!

Model Numbers: BDH-2000S & BDH-2001S (Full-Body Fall Arrest Harness)
Maximum Weight Capacity - 300 pounds (136kgs) **(User and Equipment)**



WARNING! You must read, understand, and follow ALL safety warnings and instructions prior to each use. Additionally, you must test and practice with product at ground-level prior to using it at heights above ground-level. Failure to follow these instructions will result in serious injury or death!



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! WARNING! THE SAFE USE AND OPERATION OF THIS PRODUCT(S) IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE USER. A SAFE TREESTAND HUNTING VIDEO HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH THIS PRODUCT. YOU MUST WATCH THIS DVD IN ITS ENTIRETY. IT IS ALSO THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER TO PROVIDE ANY PERSON(S) WHO BORROW OR PURCHASE THIS PRODUCT WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND THE SAFE TREESTAND HUNTING VIDEO. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH! ADDITIONALLY, FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY SUBJECT YOU TO PERSONAL LIABILITY PENALTIES AS DETERMINED BY THE U.S. JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

! WARNING! Failure to read and strictly comply with the instructions contained in this Instruction Manual may result in serious injury or death! PLEASE NOTE THAT "WARNING!" statements have been placed throughout this Instruction Manual. These statements point-out important safety information and instructions, which, if not followed, could endanger the personal safety and/or property of the operator. It is imperative that the operator of this product, or any other Big Dog Hunting product(s) read and understand all the instructions and warnings contained in this Instruction Manual prior to attempting to use this product(s), or any other Big Dog Hunting product(s). Failure to comply with these instructions and/or warnings may result in serious injury or death! When you see a "WARNING!" statement- BE SURE TO HEED THE MESSAGE!

! WARNING! Thoroughly inspect this or any other Big Dog Hunting product(s) prior to each use for signs of wear, rot, corrosion, cracks, deterioration and/or any other type of defect. DO NOT expose this product to extended exposure to direct sunlight, excessive heat or freezing temperatures. Do not use this or any other Big Dog Hunting product(s) if they show evidence of wear, rot, corrosion, cracks, deterioration and/or any other type of defect. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

! WARNING! Do not remove, modify and/or omit any portion or otherwise mechanically modify this Big Dog Hunting product(s) or its assemblies in any manner. Modification, additions, misuse and/or part substitution shall immediately void your factory warranty and may result serious injury or death! If you suspect a part(s) is missing and/or defective, immediately contact Big Dog Hunting toll-free at (866) 387-2002 for replacement of missing or defective parts. Never modify your stand in any way by making repairs, or altering, adding or attaching anything to it except if explicitly authorized in writing by Big Dog Hunting. ALWAYS USE GENUINE FACTORY AUTHORIZED BIG DOG HUNTING REPLACEMENT PARTS. USE OF ANY REPLACEMENT PARTS OTHER THAN GENUINE BIG DOG HUNTING PARTS VOIDS YOUR WARRANTY AND RELIEVES BIG DOG HUNTING OF ANY RESULTANT LIABILITIES AND MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!

! WARNING! This Big Dog Hunting product(s) is designed for adult use only. No one under the age of 16 shall attempt to use this or any other Big Dog Hunting product(s) without direct adult supervision. Any product modification(s) will void the warranties and relieve Big Dog Hunting LLC. from all liabilities. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

! WARNING! Prior to attempting to use this or any other Big Dog Hunting product(s), you must take a moment and become familiar with its assembly, setup and installation. You must practice installing, setting-up and using this product(s) at ground level prior to attempting to use it at heights above ground-level. Once you have become thoroughly knowledgeable and comfortable with this Big Dog Hunting product(s) set-up, installation and use at ground-level, you are now ready to use it at heights above ground-level. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury and death!

! WARNING! ALWAYS inspect/check ALL expiration dates/tags on all straps and the full-body fall arrest harness prior to each use. Never use a full-body fall arrest harness that has expired or is showing any damage or wear. Replace your full-body fall arrest harness every (2) years or sooner if inspection finds it necessary. Never modify or replace any part(s) of your Big Dog Hunting full-body fall arrest harness with any part(s) other than genuine Big Dog Hunting parts. Such replacement shall be viewed as a modification to the product. Any modification will void the warranties and relieve Big Dog Hunting Inc. from all liabilities. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury and death!

! WARNING! When hunting from a treestand, falls can occur any time after leaving the ground causing injury or death. Always wear your Big Dog Hunting full-body fall arrest system comprising a full-body fall arrest harness at all times after leaving the ground. You must stay connected at all times after leaving the ground. Single safety belts and chest harnesses are no longer allowed and shall never be used as they put the user at serious risk of injury or death. If you are not wearing your full-body fall arrest harness properly attached to the tree that is protecting you from a fall, do not leave the ground. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

! WARNING! You must always inform someone of your hunting location, where the treestand will be located and the expected duration of the hunt. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

! WARNING! Inspect all safety devices each time before each use. DO NOT use these devices if it (they) shows signs of wear, damage, deterioration, or vandalism. Factors such as tree growth, vandals, weather and animals may affect the performance of an unattended tree stand. Do not store these devices outdoors when not in use. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

! WARNING! The length of the full-body fall arrest harness lanyard must be minimized at all times. It shall be adjusted so it is above the head with no slack (snug) in the sitting position and you shall have the minimum amount of slack possible when climbing. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



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WARNING! Practice the use your full-body fall arrest harness at ground level in the presence of a responsible adult to experience the feeling of hanging suspended before using it in a hunting environment. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! Failure to follow the full-body fall arrest harness instructions could result in not being able to return to the stand and being suspended in the harness after a fall. If your hunting location is unknown by anyone and communication efforts are unsuccessful, you must have a personal plan for self-recovery/escape shall you experience a fall. Prolonged suspension in a harness can be fatal. It is important to exercise the legs by pushing against the tree or doing other forms of continuous leg exercises to avoid blood pooling while being suspended. Varying degrees of physical fitness may require different plans for self-recovery/escape to minimize the effects of prolonged suspension. Have a personal plan and practice it in the presence of a responsible adult before leaving the ground. No one escape/rescue plan will work for every hunter, on every tree, in every circumstance. Only you can determine the best self-recovery/escape plan for your hunting situation and you must have a self-recovery/escape plan for your individual situation before leaving the ground. There is time to make a correct decision on what action to take if a fall occurs while wearing your full-body fall arrest harness. It is important to remember, "DO NOT PANIC." You must only hunt from the ground when a self-recovery/escape ability is absent. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! A suspension relief device must be on your person and readily accessible while using your full-body fall arrest harness. These devices allow the user to relieve the load on the lower extremities if suspended in a harness and help maintain circulation in the legs, mitigate suspension trauma (blood pooling) or allow descent to the ground. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's directions on the safe use of any suspension relief device. Several optional products/systems are available that offer self-recovery or self extraction from a fall when suspended in a harness. Some systems automatically descend the user while others allow user control. One of these products/systems can be considered for use as an additional safety precaution against prolonged suspension and suspension trauma. Be sure to follow the manufacturers' directions on the safe use of these products/systems. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! If you have a limiting physical and/or health condition that precludes and/or renders you incapable of self-recovery and/or a suitable escape plan is not available, DO NOT hunt from heights above ground level. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! NEVER allow the harness lanyard to get under your chin or around your neck. This poses a choking hazard that can lead to serious injury or death. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death



WARNING! Never attempt to climb up or climb down with a weapon and/or gear in your possession. ALWAYS unload your weapon and pull it up to hunting height using a tether or pull up rope. ALWAYS lower your unloaded weapon down to the ground prior (when raising or lowering firearms, the chamber must be open and the barrel pointing toward the ground) to attempting to climb down. Use this same method when raising or lowering all other gear. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! DO NOT attempt to use this and/or any other Big Dog Hunting product(s) when ice, snow and/or freezing rain has deposited or formed on any portion of the tree you intend to climb. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! ALWAYS maintain three (3) point contact when climbing up/down a tree when using climbing aids (e.g., ladders, climbing sticks, stacking steps, etc.). Proper three (3) point contact means having either two (2) feet with one (1) hand or one (1) foot with two (2) hands on the step portion of the climbing aids at all times when climbing up or down. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! NEVER adjust ANY straps, cables, and/or adjustable support bars while standing on or leaning against any treestand. DO NOT use any treestand if there is any damage, wear, or excessive corrosion on any part of the treestand or the full-body fall arrest harness. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! DO NOT modify, fix/repair, alter, bend, cut, weld, or heat this product in any way. Failure to follow these instructions will void warranty and may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! DO NOT lean out from a treestand for any reason. Never use your full-body fall arrest harness to help you lean out of your treestand to make a difficult shot. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! DO NOT use this or any other Big Dog Hunting product(s) if you have a history of heart problems, back problems, impaired vision, joints that lock-up, spinal fusions, equilibrium problems, high blood pressure, are not well-rested and/or any other physical impairment that may limit your ability to use and/or operate this product(s) in the safe manner outlined in this Instruction Manual. Additionally, do not use this or any other Big Dog Hunting product(s) if you are currently taking any medication (including prescription or over-the-counter [OTC]) and/or using and/or consuming any substance, or consumed any substance, including alcohol, that may limit your ability to use this Big Dog Hunting product(s) as outlined and described in this Instruction Manual. Never use a treestand when feeling ill, nauseous or dizzy. Do not use ANY Big Dog Hunting product(s) without consent from your medical doctor for safe and proper use of the treestand and full-body fall arrest harness. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! DO NOT attempt to use this or any other Big Dog Hunting product(s) when thunderstorms are threatening and/or present within five (5) miles. Do not attempt to use this or any other Big Dog Hunting product(s) when any other adverse weather condition presents itself. These include weather conditions which have the potential for producing winds, lightning, rain, snow, sleet and/or any other atmospheric condition which may limit the user's ability to operate this Big Dog Hunting product(s) in a safe manner as described in this Instruction Manual. Shall inclement weather conditions arise during your use of this Big Dog Hunting product(s), return to the ground immediately. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury and death!












WARNING! DO NOT use this product, or attempt to use a treestand, on a dead, leaning, diseased, loose barked tree (i.e., bark that flakes or falls off), irregular shaped trees, or utility poles. DO NOT use this product on any tree that does not allow for a level standing platform. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!









WARNING! Never rely on a tree branch for support while climbing. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! Never jump or bounce on a treestand to seat it to the tree. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR LADDER TREESTAND USAGE

-  WARNING! The means to secure and stabilization device(s) must be attached before climbing to the standing/seating platform. Refer to your treestand Owners Manual for specific instructions. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!
-  WARNING! Check every ladder section connection each time prior to beginning to climb the stand. If ladder sections are separating, do not use the stand. Refer to your treestand Owners Manual for specific instructions. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!
-  WARNING! Check the ground under the stand to make sure it is firm and level. Sloping ground or an uneven surface(s) (e.g., one side on a rock) can cause your ladder to tilt or shift off the tree as you climb. Refer to your treestand Owners Manual for specific instructions. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!
-  WARNING! Maintain 3-points of contact when climbing a ladder treestand. Refer to your treestand Owners Manual for specific instructions. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!
-  WARNING! Always lean forward as you climb and attach your Big Dog Hunting full-body fall arrest harness to the tree before securing the platform to the tree and stepping onto the platform. Refer to your treestand Owners Manual for specific instructions. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!
-  WARNING! BEFORE each use, make sure all hardware and webbing prior to every use to make sure that no damage has occurred to hardware and that the webbing is not cut or frayed. Keep webbing from coming into contact with any sharp edges. DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT IF ANY DAMAGE IS SUSPECTED. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!
-  WARNING! This harness has been designed to be used only as a safety device for hunting from elevated treestands and ladders. Any other use is prohibited. DO NOT use this, or any other Big Dog Hunting product(s) to climb utility poles, telephone poles, structural columns or any other man-made structures. Never use this or any other product(s) around power generation (e.g., transformers, generators, substations, etc.) and/or power transmission equipment. Never use a treestand on a dead, leaning, diseased or loose barked tree. NEVER USE A TREE BRANCH, OR ANY PORTION OF A TREE, TO SUPPORT ANY PORTION OF YOUR WEIGHT OR AS A HAND HOLD. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!
-  WARNING! NEVER hunt out of a tree stands at heights at which you are not completely comfortable. Depending upon the tree and hunting conditions, choose the minimum height that allows for safe, effective hunting. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!
-  WARNING! Always wear the appropriate foot wear when using a treestand. A good nonslip safety boot is important for your safety. Be especially careful that boot laces do not get hooked on the tree stand or climbing aids (tuck shoelaces into boot before climbing). Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!


SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR HANG-ON TREESTAND USAGE

-  WARNING! You must use the linesman belt when installing hang-on or lock-on treestands to stabilize yourself. Refer to the "LINESMAN BELT USAGE" of this Big Dog Hunting Instruction Manual for specific instruction. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!
-  WARNING! Correct tightening and adjustments of chains, cables, straps, etc. are critical to stable hang-on or lock-on treestand installation. All treestand contact points must be in contact with the tree before you step onto your stand. Refer to your treestand Owners Manual for specific adjustment instructions.
-  WARNING! Practice the attachment of hang-on or lock-on treestands at ground level before using in a hunting environment. Refer to your treestand Owners Manual for specific instructions.
-  WARNING! Never leave a treestand in a tree for more than two weeks as weather and/or animals could cause damage. Tree growth can also stress and damage straps and buckles. Refer to your treestand Owners Manual for specific instructions.
-  WARNING! Always wear the appropriate foot wear when using a treestand. A good nonslip safety boot is important for your safety. Be especially careful that boot laces do not get hooked on the tree stand or climbing aids (tuck shoelaces into boot before climbing). Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!
-  WARNING! Use a haul line to raise and lower the treestand. Never climb with anything on your back. Refer to your treestand Owners Manual for specific instructions. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

BIG DOG HUNTING FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS

We are very serious about your personal safety. A Big Dog Hunting full-body fall arrest harness has been included with this product for your use. The Big Dog Hunting full-body fall arrest harness has been designed to keep you from experiencing a fall. Remember, the most important part of your hunt is returning home to your family safe and sound.

READ THE BIG DOG HUNTING FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS MANUAL CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS! YOUR NEW FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS IS DESIGNED FOR A MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF 300 POUNDS (136kgs). ADDITIONALLY, YOUR NEW FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS MUST BE REPLACED AFTER TWO (2) YEARS OF SERVICE! REPLACE YOUR HARNESS IMMEDIATELY SHALL YOU EXPERIENCE A FALL WHILE WEARING IT.

-  WARNING! Use only the Big Dog Hunting full-body fall arrest harness that meets TMA standards and is provided with this product. NOTE: You must store your full-body fall arrest harness out of direct sunlight and out of any other harsh environmental condition(s) that may adversely affect its performance. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

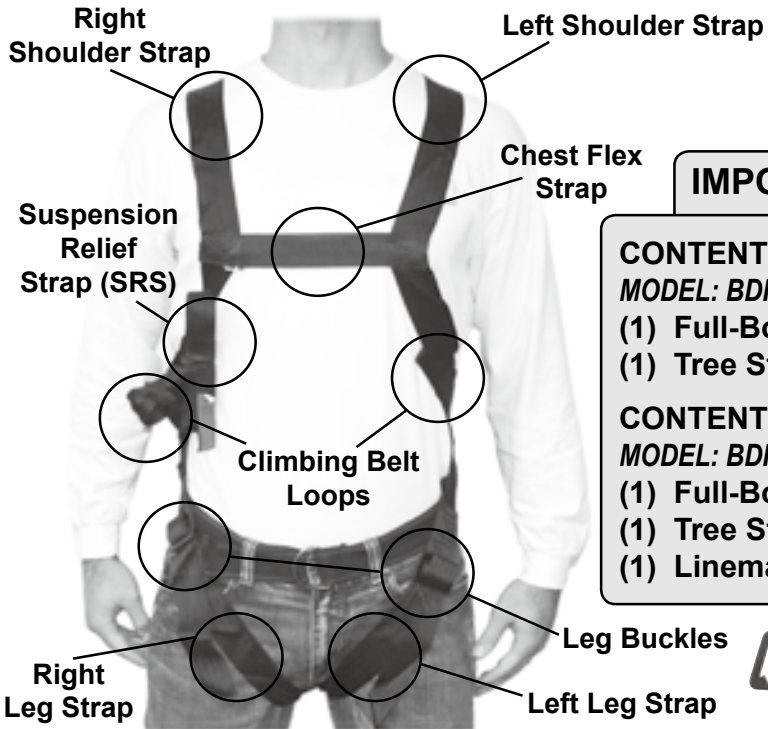
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BIG DOG HUNTING FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS COMPONENTS



(Front View)

IMPORTANT!! PLEASE READ!!

CONTENTS:
MODEL: BDH-2000S (for Ladder Stands)
 (1) Full-Body Fall Arrest Harness (Part # BDH-200S)
 (1) Tree Strap (Part # BDH-250)

CONTENTS:
MODEL: BDH-2001S (for Fixed Position Treestands)
 (1) Full-Body Fall Arrest Harness (Part # BDH-200S)
 (1) Tree Strap (Part # BDH-250)
 (1) Lineman's Strap (Part # BDH-250)



Tree Strap/Lineman's Strap



(Rear View)

FIGURE 1
BIG DOG HUNTING FULL-BODY FALL ARREST SYSTEM
(FRONT & REAR VIEWS)

WARNING! You must wear and use the Big Dog Hunting full-body fall arrest harness and lineman's strap at all times when setting up (installing), using and/or removing Big Dog Hunting hang-on, lock-on, fixed-position style stands. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

WARNING! When using the lineman's strap to ascend (climb up) the tree, the full-body fall arrest harness must be attached to the tree **BEFORE** stepping down on the tree-stand standing platform. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

Important! Tie-off the remaining tree strap end to the non-sewn side of the floating-buckle connection!

USAGE OF BIG DOG FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS



FIGURE 2
HOLD HARNESS BY TETHER



FIGURE 3
CHEST FLEX STRAP FORWARD & TETHER IN REAR



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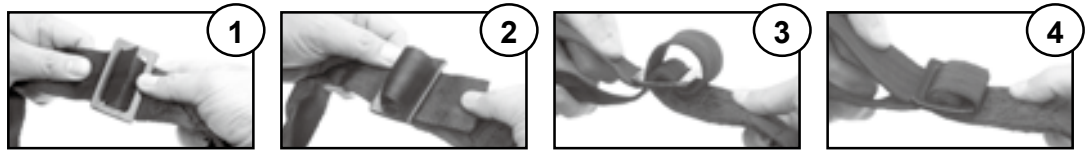
FIGURE 5
HARNESS DONE CORRECTLY

STEP 1: Locate the harness tether (refer to Figure 1) portion of your full-body fall arrest harness and hold as shown in Figure 2. Insure that the harness hangs with the shoulder straps up and the leg straps hanging down by holding the harness by the harness tether as shown in Figure 2.

STEP 2: Slip the harness over your head like a shirt. The chest flex strap shall be facing forward and the harness tether shall be in positioned to the rear of the harness as shown in Figure 3.

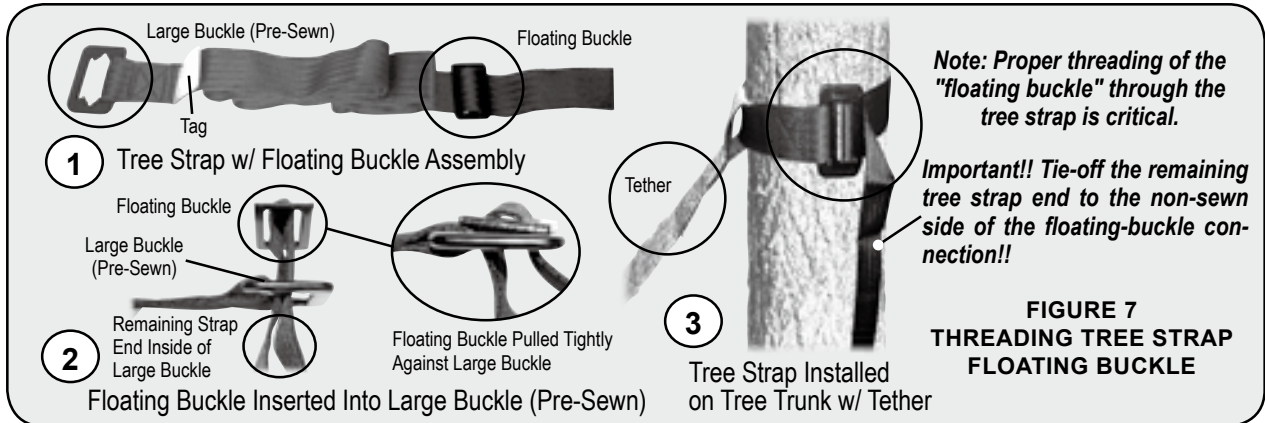
STEP 3: Locate the left leg strap (refer to Figure 1). Wrap the left leg strap around your leg as shown in Figure 4 & 6. Tighten leg strap snugly. Refer to Figure 6 for threading instructions. DO NOT overtighten as this will cut off the circulation to your leg. Repeat this STEP for the right leg strap. **Note: Your Big Dog Hunting full-body fall arrest harness shall look like the one depicted in Figure 5 when done correctly.**

**FIGURE 6
THREADING
LEG STRAP
BUCKLES**



FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS TREE STRAP

Note: Please read and understand all instructions and warnings prior to using this product. Please confirm the floating buckle has been assembled together properly prior to each use. Re-threading may be required.



**FIGURE 8
FLOATING BUCKLE
THREADED CORRECTLY**

STEP 1: Locate the tree strap (refer to Figure 7 ①). Note: Model BDH-2001S has one (1) tree strap and one (1) lineman's straps for use with hang-on style stands (fixed-position stands). Model BDH-2000S has one (1) tree strap.

STEP 2: Lay the tree strap flat on the floor so that the tag located near the large pre-sewn buckle is facing UP (refer to Figure 7 ①). Inspect the floating buckle to insure it is threaded properly as shown in Figure 8. If not, re-thread as shown on Figure 6. If your full-body fall arrest harness has one (1) tree strap and one (1) lineman's strap, insure both floating buckles are properly threaded. Insure the floating buckle(s) can slide freely through the strap(s). Inspect the floating buckle(s) for any damage, wear and/or burrs that would cause any damage or wear on the strap.

Note: When attaching tree strap to the tree, insure the tree strap is through the loop on the tether of the full-body fall arrest harness BEFORE leaving the ground.

WARNING! NEVER be detached from the tree at any time. You must practice at ground level prior to each use. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

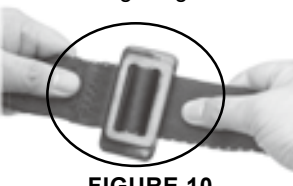


**FIGURE 9
INSERT FLOATING
BUCKLE INTO LARGE
BUCKLE**

STEP 3: To secure the tree strap to the tree, INSURE the tag end of the tree strap is against the tree. Insert the floating buckle into the slot of the large buckle (pre-sewn). (refer to Figure 9). IMPORTANT: DO NOT pull the entire strap through the large buckle (pre-sewn). The strap length BEHIND the floating buckle must be INSIDE of the large buckle (pre-sewn). Next, rest the floating buckle onto the top side of the large buckle (pre-sewn), opposite side of the tag (refer to Figure 10). Note: INSURE the remaining strap or tail strap behind the floating buckle is INSIDE of the larger buckle (refer to Figure 7 ②).

STEP 4: Pull on the remaining strap through the large buckle (pre-sewn) (as well as threaded through the floating buckle) and pull until tree strap is tight against the tree (refer to Figure 2 ③). Insure the strap is not twisted when installed around the tree and the tag is against the tree. Pull on the tree strap to check to insure the strap was attached properly.

Note: Insure the tether is tight while in a seated position. The buckle connection on the tree strap shall be located 90 degrees from the tether loop connection (refer to Figure 2 ③). IMPORTANT: ALWAYS inspect the tree for any debris, broken branches, sharp bark, nails, or any other sharp objects that may damage or tear any straps of the full-body fall arrest harness or strap(s) of the treestand prior to each use and before leaving the ground.



**FIGURE 10
FLOATING BUCKLE ON
TOP OF LARGE BUCKLE**

WARNING! You must adjust the length of your tether to the shortest possible length while in a seated position. Your tether must be short as to minimize the distance you might fall in the unlikely event you experience a fall while at hunting height. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

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FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS LINEMAN'S STRAP

Note: For fixed position stands (i.e., hang-on stands, lock-ons, etc.), use of the lineman's strap is required to remain attached to the tree until the tether and tree strap is secured properly. For use with ladder stands, attach the tree strap (with the tether installed) immediately upon climbing to platform height. Refer to "Full-Body Fall Arrest Harness Tree Strap" section to confirm that the tree strap is assembled/threaded correctly and to UNDERSTAND how to properly attach the tree strap to the tree at ground level.



**FIGURE 11
FLOATING BUCKLE
THREADED CORRECTLY**

Use your linesman's strap when installing or removing hang-on or lock-on style treestands and their climbing aids (e.g., stick ladders, sectional ladders, steps, etc.). It is important to remember to stay connected to the tree trunk with your linesman's strap until you have safely secured your harness tether and tree strap to the tree trunk. Once you have secured your tree strap and harness tether and adjusted their length, only then can you safely disconnect your linesman's strap. *For NO reason shall you be disconnected from the tree at anytime!!*

STEP 1: Locate the lineman's strap (refer to Figure 1). Insure the floating buckle is threaded correctly prior to each use. Insert the floating buckle, that is threaded as shown in Figure 11 through the lineman's strap through BOTH climbing belt loops located on left and right sides of the full-body fall arrest harness as shown in Figure 12.

Note: NEVER use the Suspension Relief Strap (SRS) as a lineman's strap.



WARNING! Never attempt to use the suspension relief strap for a lineman's belt! Never remove the suspension relief strap for any reason! Failure to follow these instructions will result in serious injury or death!

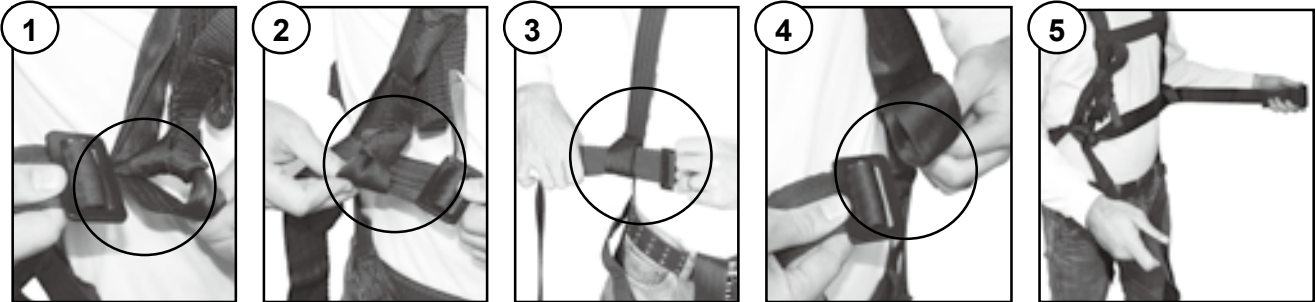


FIGURE 12: INSTALL LINEMAN'S STRAP THROUGH CLIMBING BELT LOOPS



**FIGURE 13
INSERT FLOATING BUCKLE
INTO LARGE BUCKLE**

**FIGURE 14
ADJUST LENGTH OF
LINEMAN'S STRAP**

STEP 2: With the lineman's strap installed through both climbing belt loops are previously outlined, wrap the lineman's strap around the tree trunk. Make certain the lineman's strap is not twisted. Insure the buckle location is 90 degrees from your body. Slip the floating buckle into the large buckle as shown in Figure 13. Adjust the length of the lineman's strap to a comfortable length as shown in Figure 14 (perform this operation at ground-level). **Important! Tie-off the remaining tree strap end to the non-sewn side of the floating-buckle connection!**

STEP 3: As you climb, you must slide your lineman's strap up or down (depending if you are ascending or descending).

Note: NEVER lean backwards from the tree nor have your hand or hands off the climbing aide for any reason or at any time while climbing.

STEP 4: Once you have arrived at your desired climbing height and you're ready to climb onto your treestand, make certain you attach your tree strap and tether to the tree trunk prior to disconnecting your lineman's strap. Refer to "Full-Body Fall Arrest Harness Tree Strap" section for detailed information.



WARNING! NEVER disconnect the lineman's strap from the climbing loops of the full-body fall arrest harness until the tether is attached to the tree securely. In most cases, you may have to be dually connected to the tree by the tether and lineman's strap to insure never to be detached from the tree. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! ALWAYS PRACTICE AT GROUND LEVEL PRIOR TO EACH USE WITH YOUR FULL-BODY FALL ARREST HARNESS AND TREESTAND. Shall you have any questions or require further information about this Big Dog Hunting product(s), contact Big Dog Hunting immediately toll-free at (866) 387-2002. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! Installing your Big Dog Hunting full-body fall arrest linesman's strap in a manner other than outlined here puts the user at serious risk of bodily harm. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! Under no circumstance shall you attempt to install or remove hang-on or lock-on style treestands and/or their climbing aids without the use of your Big Dog Hunting linesman's strap. Failure to follow these instructions puts the user at risk of serious injury or death!



WARNING! Under no circumstance shall you attempt to disconnect your linesman's strap prior to having the tether and tree belt installed as previously described. You must be connected at all times when at heights above ground level. Failure to follow these instructions puts the user at risk of serious injury or death!

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SUSPENSION RELIEF STRAP (SRS)

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WARNING! The Suspension Relief Strap (SRS) is to be used ONLY to help relieve pressure in your lower extremities in the unlikely event a fall shall occur. The SRS must never be used as a climbing belt or climbing belt aid or for any other ways of securing to the tree with the full-body fall arrest harness. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! Failure to follow the full-body fall arrest harness instructions could result in not being able to return to the stand and being suspended in the harness after a fall. If your hunting location is unknown by anyone and communication efforts are unsuccessful, you must have a personal plan for self-recovery/escape shall you experience a fall. Prolonged suspension in a harness can be fatal. It is important to exercise the legs by pushing against the tree or doing other forms of continuous leg exercises to avoid blood pooling while being suspended. Varying degrees of physical fitness may require different plans for self-recovery/escape to minimize the effects of prolonged suspension. Have a personal plan and practice it in the presence of a responsible adult before leaving the ground. No one escape/rescue plan will work for every hunter, on every tree, in every circumstance. Only you can determine the best self-recovery/escape plan for your hunting situation and you must have a self-recovery/escape plan for your individual situation before leaving the ground. There is time to make a correct decision on what action to take if a fall occurs while wearing your full-body fall arrest harness. It is important to remember, "DO NOT PANIC." You must only hunt from the ground when a self-recovery/escape ability is absent. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! If unable to return to the treestand platform following a fall, immediately call or notify assistance immediately! Always notify/inform someone your hunting location and time of return prior to each hunt. Never hunt alone and always have a communication device or emergency GPS locator on your person at ALL times. ALWAYS wear a Fall Arrest System at all times after leaving the ground. Never be detached from the tree for any reason or at any time. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!



WARNING! You must practice the use of your full-body fall arrest harness and its components, including the SRS at ground-level in the presence of a responsible adult prior to using these at heights above ground-level. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death!

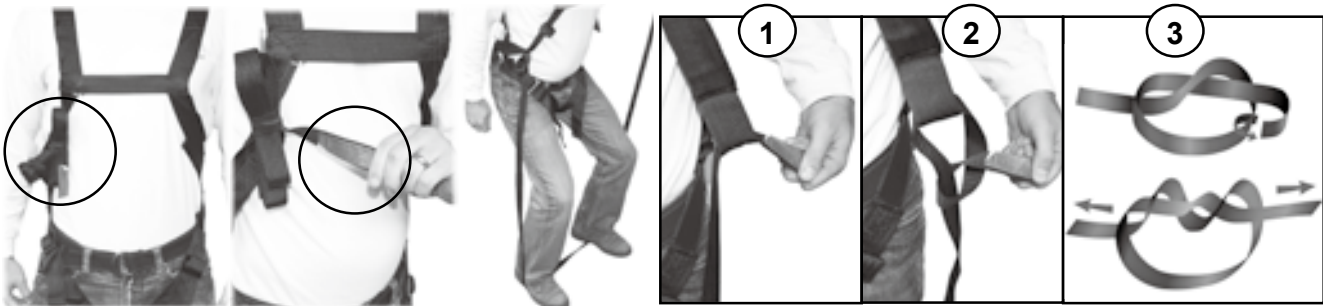


FIGURE 15
SRS ORANGE TAG

FIGURE 16
PULL ON SRS

FIGURE 17: ALLOW STRAP
TO DANGLE BELOW FEET

FIGURE 18: TIE SRS OFF
USING OVERHAND KNOT

STEP 1: Shall you experience a fall, remain calm. Locate the SRS on the left side of the full-body fall arrest harness (refer to Figure 1). The SRS has an orange tag that says: "Pull here to Deploy Suspension Relief Strap" (refer to Figure 15). With the SRS strap located, pull on it as shown in Figure 16 and allow the strap to dangle below your feet as shown in Figure 17. DO NOT LET GO OF THE END OF THE SRS.

STEP 2: Bend your knee's slightly and let the SRS settle in under the balls of your feet as shown in Figure 16.

STEP 3: Keeping tension on the SRS with your knees bent slightly, tie-off the tag end of the SRS strap through the opposite climbing belt loop (located on right side of full-body fall arrest harness) using an overhand knot as shown in Figure 18.

STEP 4: With the overhand knot tied, slowly stand on the SRS strap until some relief is felt in the leg straps or in your lower extremities. Please note, the SRS will not relieve all the pressure in the leg straps. Adjust the SRS strap until desired comfort or relief is tolerable while standing on the SRS strap.

Note: If suspended for any length of time, exercise your legs by pushing on the SRS repeatedly. The SRS is to help aid in the prevention of suspension trauma (blood pooling). Practice using and securing the SRS at ground level before using your FAS or leaving the ground. ALWAYS practice/review with your treestand/full-body fall arrest harness and review your practiced rescue/recovery/suspension relief plan in low light conditions as well as installing/buckling/fastening all the components of your full-body fall arrest harness. This will insure you know where/how to install/fasten/use all components of the full-body fall arrest harness and the treestand properly. Hunt from the ground if a rescue-recover-relief plan is absent or if unsure on safe or proper use of any part of the treestand or full-body fall arrest harness.

STORAGE AND CARE

It is recommended that you store your Big Dog Hunting full-body fall arrest harness out of direct sunlight and out of any other harsh environmental condition(s) that may adversely affect its performance.