

fluorescent pink worn above the waist which contains at least 50 percent daylight fluorescent color.

Persons required to wear fluorescent color clothing that **hunt from a ground blind** that has four sides, a top and is placed 4 feet or less above the ground **must display**, on or within 25 feet of the blind, a cap of solid daylight fluorescent orange or daylight fluorescent pink color or a panel, band, strip, or garment containing at least 250 square inches (approximately 16 inches by 16 inches) of solid **daylight fluorescent orange or daylight fluorescent pink color**.

Be aware that:

- **Property owners and their spouses and children** (while hunting on the property owned) **are required** to wear fluorescent color clothing.
- Those who **hunt with archery equipment** during the Junior Deer Hunt Days, Deer Firearms Season, Deer Muzzle-loader Season and Primitive Deer Hunt Days **are required** to wear fluorescent color clothing.
- Deer **archery hunters** hunting in Allegany, Frederick, Garrett and Washington counties during the open **black bear season** **are required** to wear fluorescent color clothing.

Those exempt from the requirement of wearing fluorescent color clothing are:

- **except as noted above**, a person who hunts deer during the Deer Archery Season.
- a person authorized by a Falconry Permit who hunts game birds or mammals using falcons, hawks or owls.
- a person who hunts or accompanies, aids or assists another person hunting the following species: brant, coot, crow, dove, ducks, furbearing mammals, geese, rails, snipe, wild turkey.

ATTENTION HUNTERS

Trespassing on posted property is a serious crime and punishable under Md. Criminal Law §6-402. A first offense is punishable by imprisonment of up to 90-days or a fine not exceeding \$500, or both.

This includes all private land adjacent to public hunting areas.

SAFETY TIPS

HUNTING SAFETY TIPS

Tree stand accidents are the leading cause of hunter injuries in Maryland. Most tree stand accidents occur in the transition between a climbing device and the tree stand.

- Always practice and understand the manufacturer's recommendations for use of any climbing equipment or tree stand.
- Keep all tree stands, and climbing equipment in good repair.
- Practice with stands, harness, and climbing equipment at ground level first.
- Use only full-body safety harness/fall restraint systems and a lifeline when climbing a tree or in a tree stand.
- Only climb healthy trees. Even live branches may give way under your weight.
- Use three points of contact with the tree or climbing device for a secure hold.
- Climb higher than your stand and step down onto it.
- Wear boots with non-skid soles to prevent slips.
- Use a haul line to get hunting equipment into and out of your stand. Guns should be unloaded and broad heads covered.
- Don't fall asleep in your stand.
- Tell others where you will hunt and when you will return.

FIREARMS SAFETY TIPS

- Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
- Never point a gun at anything you don't want to shoot.
- Always control the muzzle direction in case of a fall.
- Keep the barrel and action clear of obstructions. Carry only the proper ammunition for your firearm.
- Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.
- Unload guns and open the action when not in use.
- Never climb or jump with a loaded gun.
- Never pull the gun toward you by the muzzle.
- Never shoot a bullet at flat, hard surfaces or water.
- Store guns and ammunition safely and securely.
- Never use alcoholic beverages or medications before or during the use of a firearm.

ARCHERY SAFETY TIPS

- Be sure of your target and what is beyond it before you shoot.
- Keep broadheads covered and only knock an arrow or load a bolt when you are ready to shoot.
- Never run, climb or jump with knocked arrow or a bolt loaded in a crossbow.
- Keep hands away from drawn crossbow strings and cables.
- Practice frequently with your hunting arrows and bolts to know your accuracy and distance limitations.
- Always use manufacturer recommended arrow or bolt weights.

TURKEY HUNTING SAFETY TIPS

- Follow all firearms hunting safety recommendations.
- Call out in a loud, clear voice to announce your presence to other approaching hunters.
- Don't wear red, white, blue or black colors that may be mistaken for the colors of a wild turkey gobbler.
- Cover harvested turkeys and decoys when carrying them.
- Stalking turkey sounds may put you and the hunter making them in danger.
- Protect your back from other hunters approaching from behind.