

HUNTING IS A TIME-HONORED TRADITION MANY NEW YORKERS SHARE WITH THEIR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. Here are some tips to help your young hunter safely enjoy this tradition:

FIREARM SAFETY RULES

Assume every gun is loaded

Point your gun in a safe direction

Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot

Be sure of your target and beyond

HUNTER ORANGE FACTS

Wearing hunter orange saves lives

Deer are partially color blind and can't tell red or orange from green and brown

TREE STAND SAFETY TIPS

Use a sturdy, portable stand. Permanent wooden stands rot and injure hunters

Pon't go too high. Usually, 15 to 20 feet is high enough

Use a safety belt for climbing. Most falls happen when going up and down the tree and in and out of the stand

Use a rope to raise and lower bows and guns – unloaded, never climb with them

As soon as you get in a tree stand, strap in with a body harness or a safety belt attached high around your chest

Visit http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/hunting.html for more hunting safety tips and information on how to obtain your hunting license.

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