HSS Life Line Instructions

WARNING^{**:::**} Read and follow all instructions on both sides of this instructional sheet prior to using this product. Failure to read, understand and follow this information can cause serious injury or death! If there is ANYTHING you do not understand or are uncertain about, call 1-877-296-3528 and speak to an HSS Representative BEFORE using it!

BEFORE USING THE PRUSSIC KNOT, MAKE SURE IT LOOKS LIKE THE ONE PICTURED BELOW. IT MUST HAVE 6 (SIX) LOOPS!



WARNING! Always test your prussic knot before each use. This is done by gripping the rope slightly above of the prussic knot with one hand and pulling sharply on the knot's carabiner to be certain that the knot tightens securely around the rope. If it ever fails to tighten securely, or if you are in doubt about its effectiveness, DO NOT USE IT. Call 1-877-296-3528 and speak to an HSS representative.

Be sure to discontinue using your Life Line immediately and replace it if it shows any signs of wear, has been used to prevent a fall, has been subjected to a severe shock or overload for which it was not designed such as towing a vehicle or ATV, or when you are in doubt as to its safety and/or effectiveness.

If you have <u>any</u> questions or concerns regarding this product's safety or effectiveness, call HSS Inc. at 1-877-296-3528 and speak to an HSS representative <u>before</u> using it!

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Although Hunter Safety System, Inc. is dedicated to manufacturing only the safest hunting equipment possible, this goal cannot succeed without the aid of our customers. Common sense in the use and understanding of this product is absolutely necessary.

Remember: Safety and safe hunting practices are the most important elements of the hunting experience and are <u>YOUR</u> responsibility. If there is anything about this product, its usage or safety instructions that you do not understand, call 1-877-296-3528 <u>before</u> using the product. Help us to help you stay safe!

DANGER! Although the Life Line is designed to arrest a fall while climbing to the treestand, hunting aloft, and descending from a treestand, obviously the tree must initially be climbed without it to put the Life Line in place. While installing the Life Line, YOU MUST wear a fall arrest harness which meets TMA certification standards such as the Hunter Safety System harness and a lineman's style climbing strap which has been tested to TMA standards with the harness it's used with for protection during this initial climb. You must stay attached to the tree from the moment you leave the ground until the moment you return to the ground!

Do Not Wash This Product in a Machine Washer!

Complete instructions on reverse side!

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FIGURE 1



FIGURE 2

- **Note:** When using this Life Line, you must stay attached to it while ascending, hunting and descending. You do not need to attach your harness to another form of trees trap when in the treestand. Stay connected to the Life Line.
- 1. Put on and adjust your HSS harness according to all written and video instructions.
- 2. Anytime you are above ground level, you MUST stay connected to the tree from the moment you leave the ground until you return. To accomplish this with hang-on style treestands prior to installing the HSS Life Line, you must use the HSS Line-man's Style Climbing Strap in conjunction with the HSS harness. Follow all lineman's strap and harness written and video instructions for safely climbing a tree.
- 3. Once in the treestand, place the looped end of the 27-foot Life Line around the tree and pull the entire rope, prussic knot and carabiner through the loop (Figure 1).
- 4. Drop the tail end of the rope to the ground while leaving the prussic knot and carabiner near the loop. Attach the prussic knot's carabiner to your vest/harness's tether (Figure 2), tighten the locking carabiner and proceed to climb down the tree while sliding the prussic knot down as you descend.
- Once on the ground, disconnect your tether from the prussic knot's carabiner and tie the slack end of the Life Line rope near the base of the tree so that it is slightly taut.
 When climbing to or from your treestand, attach your tether to the prussic knot's carabiner (Figure 2), grip the prussic knot lightly and slide it along the Life Line rope as shown (Figure 3). ALWAYS remove your hand from the prussic knot once it is moved into position. DO NOT hold the Prussic Knot while climbing!

WARNING! Grabbing or holding the prussic knot during a fall can cause you to slide the entire length of the rope resulting in serious injury or death!

- 7. While standing on your treestand, slide the prussic knot to a location over your head so that there is no slack in your tether while in a sitting position.
- 8. Although the HSS Life Line is designed to be left in the tree for short periods of time (up to two weeks), it MUST be examined closely for wear, weathering, or damage BEFORE each use. Warning! DO NOT leave the Life Line in the woods or outdoor elements from one season to the next. It must be examined for wear or damage from animals or outdoor elements each time it's used.
- 9. Do not use the Life Line for any other reason than that for which it is intended. For instance, <u>do not</u> use the Life Line for towing a vehicle, pulling an ATV from a bog, etc.
- 10. The HSS Life Line must be replaced two years from the date of manufacture or purchase. Purchase receipt must be retained to show proof of the date of purchase.
- 11. If you experience a fall, NEVER grab the prussic knot. Allow the knot to arrest the fall. Warning! Grabbing the prussic knot during a fall can cause you to slide the entire length of the rope resulting in serious injury or death!



FIGURE 3

- 12. If you experience a fall, DON'T PANIC! Remain calm and think about how to recover. If your stand or steps remain securely in place, get back onto them. If they are gone, use your suspension relief device to relieve pressure to your legs and body. Follow the harness manufacturer instructions for this process.
- 13. Suspension or hanging for long periods of time can cause discomfort, serious injury or death. Always carry a screw-in step or a suspension relief strap (like the one provided with the Hunter Safety System vests/harnesses) with you in an easily accessible pocket at all times to relieve suspension pressure in the event of a fall.
- 14. ALWAYS let someone know where you are hunting and when you can be expected to return. ALWAYS carry a cell phone, whistle, personal location beacon or two-way radio with you to call for help.

If you have any questions or concerns about these instructions call 1-877-296-3528 for assistance.

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