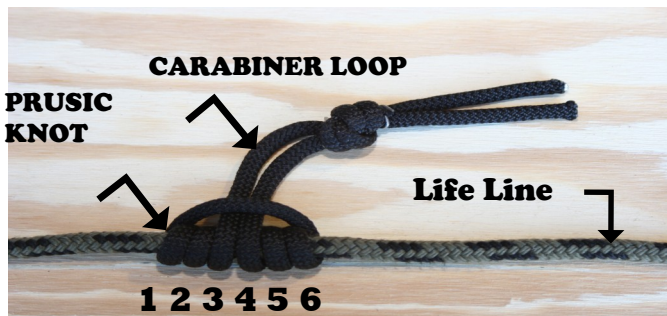


# HSS Life Line 2-C Instructions

**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 KNOTS, MAKE SURE THEY LOOK LIKE THE ONE PICTURED BELOW. THEY 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.

**WARNING!** 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.

## **WARNING! READ BEFORE USING THIS HSS PRODUCT!**

**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 vest/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!

### **TWO CLIMBER USE**

**DANGER! Never have two people connected to the Life Line at the same time!**

1. In addition to the following instructions for using the Life Line 2-C with two (2) people, follow all instructions on the reverse side of this instructional sheet for safe use procedures in attaching, ascending, hunting, and descending.
2. After approaching the Life Line 2-C, the first person to climb using it, must attach his/her harness's tether to the top or upper carabiner making sure that the gate closes completely. Screw the locking nut until snug.
3. When climbing, grip the prussic knot lightly and slide it along the Life Line rope as shown in Fig. 3 on the reverse side. ALWAYS remove your hand from the prussic knot once it is moved into position. DO NOT hold the prussic knot while climbing!
4. Once the treestand is reached by the first climber, he/she must reconnect to another tree strap thus preventing two people from being attached to the Life Line at the same time. Follow all manufacturer's instructions when attaching to the tree strap. You must stay attached to the Life Line until the connection is completed with the tree strap. Only after the connection to the tree strap is completed should you disconnect from the Life Line. To descend, you must stay connected to the tree strap until you are securely attached to the Life Line. Only then should you disconnect from the tree strap.
5. Once the first climber is secured in the tree stand, the second climber can begin to climb using the second or lower carabiner. Follow all attachment and climbing procedures outlined in these instructions. The second climber can stay attached to the life line while elevated and DOES NOT need a tree strap.
6. To descend, simply reverse the above steps.

Do not wash this product in a machine washer!

\*\*Complete instructions on reverse side\*\*

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**FIGURE 1**



**FIGURE 2**

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 Lineman'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 30-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 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.
5. 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 taut.
6. 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 or longer than two weeks without removal from tree and complete examination! Look for wear or damage from animals or outdoor elements.**
9. Do not use the Life Line for any other reason than that for which it is intended. For instance, do not 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!**
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 Life Line to lower yourself to the ground. Wrap your legs around the tree or onto a limb to relieve 'hanging' pressure, and lower the prussic knot as far as possible. Lower yourself and repeat process. If this is not possible, move your legs often to circulate blood.
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 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.



**FIGURE 3**

**If you have any questions or concerns about the HSS Life Line, call HSS, Inc. at 1-877-296-3528.**

*\*Complete instructions on reverse side!\**