

Lineman's Climbing Strap Safe Use Instructions

WARNING! Read, watch and follow all written and video instructions prior to using this lineman's climbing strap. Failure to read, watch, 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 this or any HSS product!

Warning! The HSS lineman's climbing strap must only be used with Hunter Safety System harnesses. This accessory climbing strap must NOT be used with the HSS-8 "Lil' Tree Stalker Model". Let's keep our young folks safe!

Remember: Safety and safe hunting practices are the most important elements of the hunting experience and are your responsibility. If there is anything about this product, its usage or safety instructions that you do not understand, call 1-877-296-3528 and speak to a Hunter Safety System representative before using this product.

Lineman's Climbing Strap Parts: Lineman's Climbing Strap/w buckle, two carabiners

*** Using your Lineman's Climbing Strap ***

NOTE: The images displayed may not show the particular Hunter Safety System harness model you have; however, the parts and instructions will be the same.

1. Locate the LCS (Lineman's Climbing Strap) loops located on the sides of the HSS harness above and to the side of the leg buckles. (Figure 1).
2. Insert one LCS carabiner into one of the HSS harness's LCS loops and make certain that it closes secure with no webbing or clothing caught in the closure. Tighten the locking nut hand tight.
3. Place the lineman's climbing strap around the tree to be climbed and insert the remaining carabiner into the harness's remaining LCS loop. Make certain that the carabiner closes securely with no webbing or clothing interfering with its closure. Tighten the locking nut hand tight. There **MUST** be a minimum of 8-inches of slack webbing beyond the buckle.
4. HSS recommends that, for ease of use, right handed hunters keep the LCS buckle on their right side, and left handed hunters keep the buckle on their left side.
5. **WARNING!** For additional safety while climbing with the LCS, the harness's tree strap and tether **MUST** be attached to the tree with the LCS for double connection. (Figure 2) Attaching this secondary connection must take place before leaving the ground.



Figure 1

Lineman's Strap loops are located near the side and above the leg buckles.



Figure 2

The tree strap and harness's tether **MUST** be attached to the tree for double attachment.

6. Wrap the harness's tree strap around the tree and bring the loose end through the loop located at the end of the harness' tether. (The tether is the strap that extends out the rear of the HSS vest's neckline.) Properly weave the tree strap's webbing and buckle as follows:
With the bent "sides" up, thread the tree strap end up between the sewn portion of the tree strap and the knurled slide bar. Bring the tree strap over the gnarled slide bar and insert the tree strap down between the knurled slide bar and the end of the buckle. (Figure 3) Pull tight to the tree and test attachment making sure it's secure. There must be at least 8-inches of slack webbing beyond the Buckle after securing the tree strap to the tree.
7. WARNING! Slide the tether and tree strap upward or downward as you climb with the lineman's climbing strap, staying doubly connected. Failure to do so could cause serious injury or death should a fall occur!
8. When encountering a limb while climbing, remove and advance the tree strap above (when ascending) or below (when descending) the limb while remaining connected to the tree with the HSS lineman's climbing strap. **(Warning! Anytime the tether is not attached to the tree, your HSS harness is not considered a fall restraint device!)** Immediately reconnect the tree strap above (when ascending) or below (when descending) the limb. Only AFTER the tree strap is securely reattached to the tree can the lineman's climbing strap be removed for advancement above or below the limb. Only while advancing above or below a limb or treestand should either the tree strap or lineman's climbing strap be temporarily removed. NEVER have both items removed at the same time!
7. When hanging a treestand, climb slightly higher than where you will hang the treestand, keeping the lineman's climbing strap and the tether/tree strap connection as high as possible. Hang the treestand below the lineman's climbing belt while keeping the strap and tether/tree strap attached to the tree. Stay doubly attached! (Figure 4)
10. After securing the tree stand to the tree according to its manufacturer's instructions, advance the tree strap and lineman's climbing belt upward remaining doubly attached to a height which allows you to step down into the center of the treestand. Once safely on the treestand and while still secured with the tree strap, you can remove the lineman's climbing strap.
11. When ascending to an existing treestand, use the HSS lineman's climbing strap and tree strap with tether connection staying doubly attached. Upon reaching the stand, connect the tether above the stand with the tree strap, disconnect the lineman's climbing strap, and reconnect it above the stand. Remain doubly attached when stepping down into the center of the stand. Once secured in the stand, you can remove the lineman's climbing strap.
12. Anytime the vest/harness's tether is not attached to the tree as per these instructions, the HSS harness, when used with the HSS lineman's climbing strap, should be considered a climbing aid only and NOT a fall restraint device.
13. WARNING! If there is ANYTHING about this or any *Hunter Safety System* product or its instructions that you do not understand, call 1-877-296-3528 and speak to an HSS representative BEFORE using it!

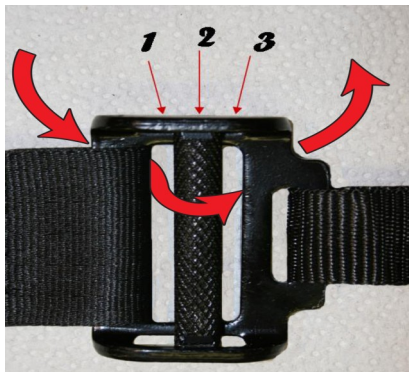


FIGURE 3

1. With the buckle's bent sides upward, thread the tree strap end from the bottom between the sewn portion of the tree strap and knurled slide bar.
2. Bring the tree strap between the knurled slide bar and...
3. Insert the tree strap between the gnarled slide bar and the end of the buckle



Hang the treestand below the lineman's climbing strap while keeping the strap **AND** tether/tree strap attached to the tree. Stay doubly attached!

Figure 4