



READ the following instruction manual and warning labels completely **BEFORE** assembling, installing, or using this product. **INJURY** or **DEATH** may result from failure to read, understand, and execute the instructions and warnings.

Do not climb without understanding the risks involved .

Climbing and hunting from an elevated position are dangerous activities.

WARNING

READ BEFORE USE

WEIGHT LIMITATIONS



DO NOT use this harness or hammock if you and your equipment weigh more than **300 pounds combined**. **DO NOT** use this harness or hammock if you are unsure whether or not you exceed the total weight limit.



PROPER USE

- **DO NOT** use the harness/hammock for any other purpose. Dryad products should be used **ONLY** for hunting purposes.
- **ALWAYS** keep and store the safety warnings and instructions in a safe place. It is the responsibility of the harness/hammock owner to provide complete instructions and warnings to anyone who may borrow or purchase the harness/hammock from them.
- **ALWAYS** use the inspection checklist before use to check for wear, fraying, damage, loose stitching, and discoloration. If **ANY** of these signs are present, **DISCARD** the harness/hammock and replace it with a new one.
- **DO NOT** use a harness or hammock with more than one person.
- **NEVER** let children under the age of 18 use this harness/hammock without adult supervision.
- **NEVER** fall asleep or attempt to sleep in your harness or hammock. Sleeping in your harness or hammock could result in **INJURY** or **DEATH**.
- **ALWAYS** check that all the carabiners in your climbing system are fully locked before climbing. Carabiners must stay locked while climbing.
- **DO NOT** use a Dryad harness or hammock without proper practice, qualified instruction, and qualified guidance in its use.
- **NEVER** use your hammock **WITHOUT** a fully secured FAS (fall arrest system). Hammocks are secondary devices used for comfort and should **NEVER** be used without a FAS (fall arrest system).

WARNING

GENERAL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- **ALWAYS** know your limitations. If you start thinking you are too high, **STOP**.
- **DO NOT** use a harness or hammock while under the influence of alcohol, medication, or illegal substances.
- **DO NOT** use Dryad products if you are not physically fit, alert, and well rested.
- **DO NOT** use Dryad products if you have any other physical or mental condition or impairment that could impair your ability to utilize it in a safe and effective manner.
- **NEVER** use a harness or hammock if you are feeling sick, ill, nauseous, or dizzy. Physical limitations and ailments can reduce your ability to utilize a harness or hammock safely. Consult a physician before use for a professional opinion.
- **NEVER** use a harness or hammock if you have a history of health problems such as, but not limited to, equilibrium impairments, acrophobia, high blood pressure, heart problems, back problems, impaired vision, or you have been informed by a doctor not to climb.
- **NEVER** carry your hunting equipment with you while descending or ascending a tree. Both hands are required for safely ascending and descending a tree. Only after ascending the tree and fully securing your harness and hammock to the tree should you pull up your equipment and weapon to hunting height.
- **NEVER** use a harness or hammock on a diseased, dead or leaning tree, on a utility pole, flagpole, any other slick surfaced object or on a wet, icy, or slippery tree/object. The tree must not have excessive vines, nails, screws, fencing, or other sharp objects that could catch, fray, sever, or otherwise damage the harness/hammock. Surrounding trees must be free of dead limbs that may fall onto you or the harness/hammock.
- **NEVER** use a harness or hammock in inclement weather. This includes but is not limited to: lightning, high winds, thunderstorms, tornadoes, and icy conditions. Keep watch for changing weather conditions and immediately descend the tree to head for safe shelter if inclement weather may arrive.
- **NEVER** attempt to ascend or descend a tree in the dark without a hands free light, such as a head lamp. Harnesses and hammocks require your absolute attention and oversight for a safe and successful hunt.

WARNING

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- **ALWAYS** use CEN (European Committee for Standardization) certified equipment to accompany your harness/hammock. Failure to use CEN certified equipment may result in **INJURY** or **DEATH**.

PRACTICE AND PLANNING

- **ALWAYS** practice using your hammock and harness in safe conditions before attempting over head high use.
- **NEVER** hunt without a rescue plan. Research, study, and practice a rescue plan before ever attempting a hunt.
- **ALWAYS** hunt with a partner. Let others know of your exact location and how to contact you before you leave. If your location is unknown and communication is unsuccessful, you must have a plan for escape. In the event of a fall, prolonged suspension in a harness may be fatal. Exercising by pushing your legs against a tree or performing other leg exercises will help avoid blood from pooling while being suspended. Your physical fitness will dictate your escape plan and may limit you to certain recovery methods.
- **NEVER** overestimate your abilities. Only you can determine the best method for escape/recovery.
- **ALWAYS** practice attaching, installing, and adjusting your harness and hammock at ground level prior to using it in an elevated position.
- **ALWAYS** practice mindfulness when putting on, attaching, securing, or using your harness/hammock. Safe use demands your full attention.
- **ALWAYS**, in the event of an incident, remember "DO NOT PANIC!". Stay calm and begin implementing your rescue plan.
- **ALWAYS** hunt from the ground if you do not have the components necessary for a safe hunt.
- **ALWAYS** give your absolute attention when putting on your harness; attaching your lineman belt, tether, and platform; deploying your hammock; etc. Create a routine and continually check all connection points, stopper knots, and buckles while at height.
- In the event of unconsciousness this harness will not keep you in an upright position unless used in conjunction with a chest harness.

WARNING

HARNES AND HAMMOCK SAFETY

- **NEVER** use an ill-fitting harness. Your waist belt and leg straps should fit snug.
- **ALWAYS** check your attachments and ensure your full body weight is being supported before detaching from your tether or lineman's belt.
- **DO NOT** use the accessory loops (MOLLE) for ascending, descending, or tethering to the tree. They are for carrying gear only.
- **DO NOT** disconnect your lineman's belt until you are certain that you are otherwise properly attached to the tree. During use, frequently check that your harness, hammock, tether, and lineman's belt are properly connected to the tree and your knots are properly tied and secured.
- **DO NOT** use the primary line, tether, or lineman's loop without a stopper knot tied in the free end.
- **NEVER** attach your harness, your hammock, your tether, or your lineman's belt to a tree branch for support.
- **NEVER** introduce slack into any harness, hammock, tether, or lineman's ropes. When clipping into and out of your harness, it is imperative that you are always supported and tethered onto the tree with **NO** slack and the **FULL** weight of your body applied to your rope(s).
- **NEVER** shock load your harness or hammock. Shock loading, bouncing, jumping, or falling into your harness/hammock can cause unnecessary strain and damage internal fibers and stitching. If your harness or hammock has been shock loaded or you have doubts as to whether or not it has been, **DISCARD** it immediately.
- **ALWAYS** verify that your harness, rope, and leg straps are secured before climbing, while in use, and before descending. These devices are designed to keep the saddle oriented on your body properly in the case of a fall. Failure to secure them increases risk of **INJURY** or **DEATH**.

PROPER CARE AND MAINTENANCE

- **DO NOT** expose your harness/hammock to excessive heat, cold, or wet conditions.
- **NEVER** expose your harness or hammock to heat above 140°F (60°C) or below -80°F (-62°C).
- **NEVER** modify, repair, replace, or sew ANY part of your harness/hammock. Modifying, repairing, or replacing any parts of your harness/hammock will **VOID** your warranty and release the manufacturer from all liability and responsibility unless the work has been done by the manufacturer. Inspect for any wear, fraying, damage, loose stitching or discoloration upon delivery. If you suspect your harness/hammock of any aforementioned problems, immediately contact customer service to begin a return or product exchange.
- **DO NOT** leave your harness/hammock outside under **ANY** condition. Weather and animals can damage it. If you know or suspect the harness or hammock has been left outside or it has been damaged discard it immediately.

SAFE LIFE EXPECTANCY:

The nylon components of your harness WILL decay over time. With attention paid to proper care and inspection along with normal wear, your harness has a safe life expectancy of five years. After the life expectancy of the product has expired, destroy it to prevent further use.

STORAGE:

Keep your harness in a cool, dry, dark place off concrete. Avoid storing your harness where there are any corrosive agents including, but not limited to, exhaust emissions, acids, alkalies, rust or other strong chemicals.

WASHING HARNES:

Hand wash your harness with **COLD** water only and a very mild non-detergent soap. **DO NOT** use a clothes dryer to dry your harness. After washing, or if your harness has become wet, allow it to dry indoors. **DO NOT** store your harness before it has dried completely.

WASHING HAMMOCK:

Machine wash your hammock on a gentle cycle with **WARM** water and a very mild non-detergent soap. Use a clothes dryer on the tumble low setting. If your hammock material has a DWR coating, low heat for twenty minutes will reactivate the coating.

PRODUCT INSPECTION AND RETIREMENT CHECKLIST

Retire your harness immediately when/if any of these apply:

✓	The fabric wrapping that protects the webbing anchor points has worn off or frayed
✓	The harness has been involved in a fall or you are unsure of it's history of use.
✓	You doubt the dependability of the harness
✓	There is excessive dirt, grit, or grime inbedded in the webbing or rope.
✓	The webbing has been discolored or has faded in color.
✓	The webbing is burned, melted, singed, or otherwise damaged/warped.
✓	There are holes, rips, tears, or fraying in the webbing or rope.
✓	There are torn or pulled threads on the webbing or rope.
✓	Any buckle or hardware is cracked, corroded, or otherwise damaged or deformed in any way.
✓	It has been five or more years past the manufacture date located on the harness tag.

For more information on rope inspection and retirement visit:

<https://www.dryadsaddles.com/safety/>

or

<https://theuiaa.org/safety/>



If a harness has been used to arrest a fall (even if it is not obviously damaged) it **must** be retired. If you have any doubts about the dependability of your harness, retire it and get a new one. Anytime you retire a piece of gear you must destroy it to prevent future use. Retire all safety equipment after 5 years regardless of condition.



LIMITED LIABILITY WARRANTY

Dryad, LLC offers an exclusive one (1) year warranty to the original purchaser of our products that they be free from defects in manufacturing and materials. This warranty does not cover normal wear and tear, nor does it cover any incidental or purposeful damage to the product from improper use, negligence or failure to properly maintain the product. If the original purchaser discovers a covered defect within the one (1) year warranty period, they can return it to the address specified on our website (<https://www.dryadsaddles.com/>) along with proof of purchase to receive a replacement free of charge. This limited warranty is exclusive of all other remedies against Dryad, LLC. DRYAD DISCLAIMS ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, including the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. Some States do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you. Dryad also disclaims and excludes all liability for incidental, consequential, punitive, direct, indirect, special or any other damages arising out of or connected with the purchase, use of this product or for the breach of any warranty or breach of contract or otherwise. Some States do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so this limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

PUTTING ON YOUR HARNESS

1. Hold the harness around your waist and above your hip bones.
2. Clip male and female ends of the buckle (a)(Fig. 1) together while listening for an audible "click". Verify the buckle has securely locked into place and tighten the belt with the tag end (e)(Fig. 1) until a snug fit is achieved.
3. At least 3 inches of tag end (e)(Fig. 1) should extend from the buckle when adjusted correctly.
4. See "INSTALLING YOUR LEG STRAPS" in the following illustration.

- STEP 1:** Thread leg straps through belay loop (c)(Fig. 1) until centered and unbuckle one side (d)(Fig. 1) of strap.
- STEP 2:** (1) Thread between your legs, (2) around your thigh, and (3) install into its corresponding connector. Repeat step 2 for opposing buckle.
- STEP 3:** Pull tag ends until snug.

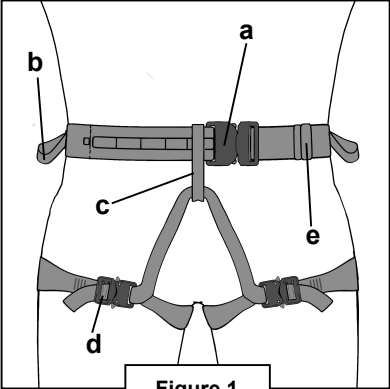


Figure 1



ALWAYS ensure your harness is over your hipbones, adjusted snugly, and has adequate tag end (e)(Fig. 1)

INSTALLING YOUR LEG STRAPS

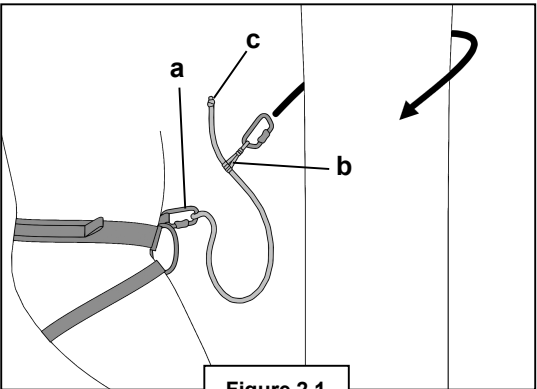
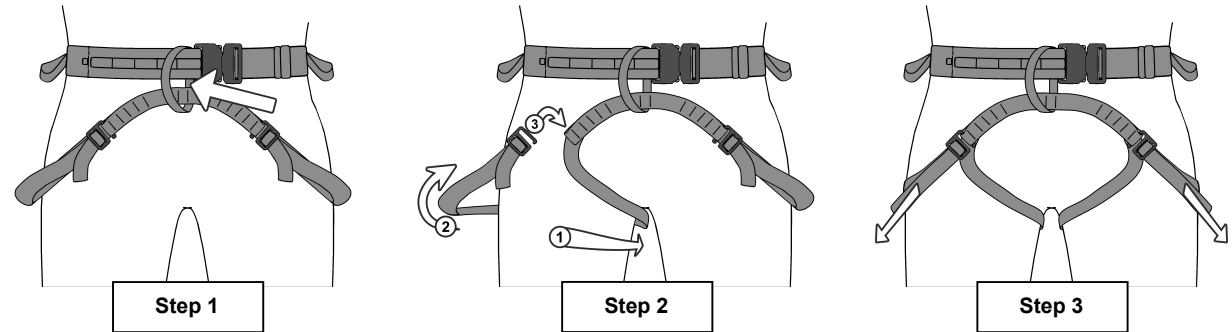


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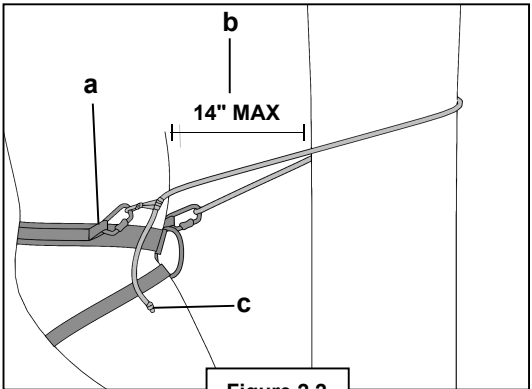


Figure 2.2

INSTALLING YOUR LINEMAN BELT

1. You should always ascend and descend the tree using a lineman's belt. This allows you to secure your climbing method and tether to the tree while remaining attached to the tree at all times.
2. At the base of the tree clip one end of the lineman's belt (a)(Fig. 2.1) to a lineman's loop (b)(Fig. 1) and pass the free end (b)(Fig. 2.1) around the tree. Attach it to the opposing lineman's loop (a)(Fig. 2.2) with a carabiner.
3. Tend the slack of your lineman's belt to a safe working distance of no more than 14" from the tree (b)(Fig. 2.2).
4. To pass a tree limb while ascending, **ALWAYS** attach and secure your tether above the limb **BEFORE** detaching your lineman's belt and passing it above the limb. **DO NOT** detach tether before lineman's belt is reattached and tightened.

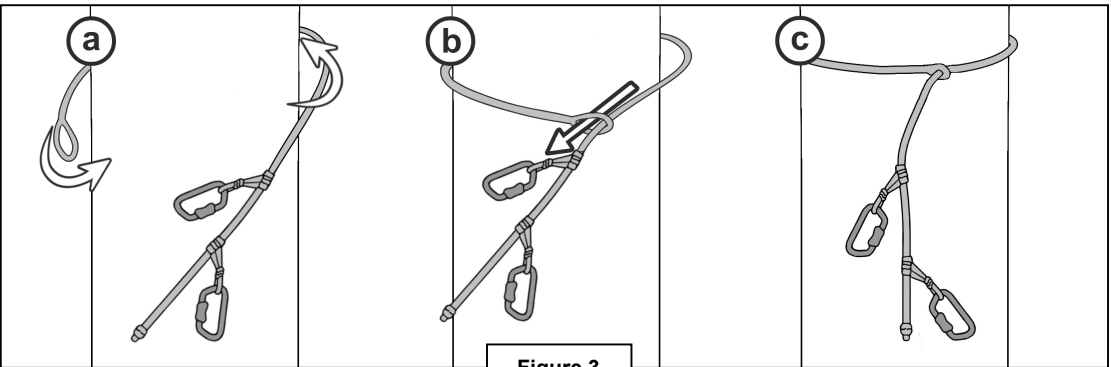


Figure 3



ALWAYS ensure your tether (b)(Fig. 4), and lineman's belt (c)(Fig 2) have properly tied stopper knots.

INSTALLING YOUR TETHER

When desired height is achieved, **ALWAYS** attach your tether **BEFORE** removing your lineman's belt, mounting your platform **OR** deploying your hammock.

1. While still secured with your lineman's belt (Fig. 2.2), pass your tether around the tree (a)(Fig. 3) at head level.
3. Thread the tag end through the loop end (b)(Fig. 3) and tighten the girth hitch around the tree (c)(Fig. 3).
4. Clip the bottom tether carabiner (a)(Fig. 4.1) to the belay loop (c)(Fig. 4.1).
5. Adjust your tether for comfort, and remove all slack. Once fully adjusted, it is safe to remove your lineman's belt.

DEPLOYING YOUR HAMMOCK

1. Once fully secured by your tether at hunting height, remove your hammock from its pouch.
2. Position the top side of the hammock upward and bring the bridge (a)(Fig. 4.2) over your head, allowing the hammock to hang loosely on your back.
3. Clip hammock bridge (a)(Fig. 4.2) into the top carabiner (c)(Fig. 4.2) of your tether.
4. Once the hammock is connected, slowly loosen your friction knot (b)(Fig 4.2) until you have fully released weight from the harness into the hammock. You may also use the bridge (a)(Fig. 4.2) to adjust tension between harness and hammock.
5. **DO NOT** unclip your primary friction knot carabiner (a)(Fig. 4.1) from your harness while using the hammock. **NEVER** use the hammock as your only attachment to the tree. **ALWAYS** keep your harness attached to the tree.

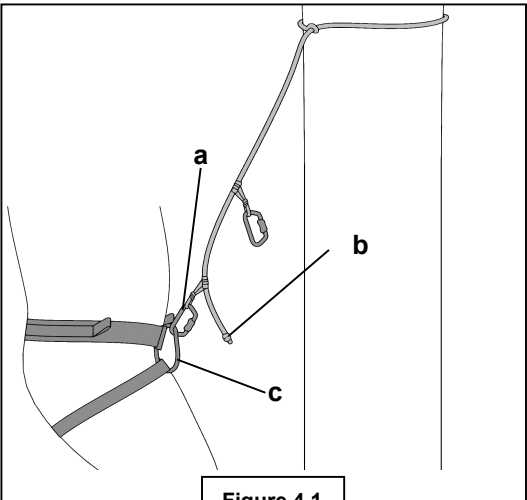


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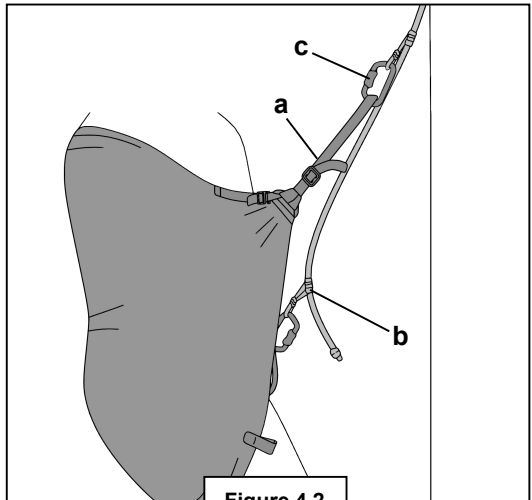


Figure 4.2

PROPER METHOD OF TETHER USE

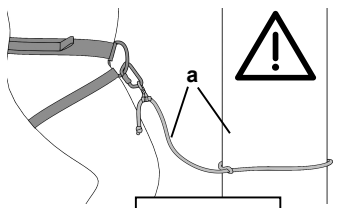


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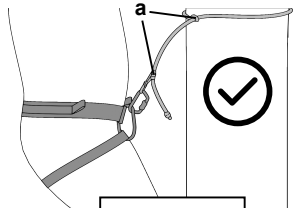


Figure 5.2

1. **NEVER** climb above your tether (Fig. 5).
2. The friction knot, carabiner, and girth hitch (a)(Fig. 5) should **ALWAYS** be above your harness.
3. **ALWAYS** ensure your tether has a properly tied stopper knot and adequate tag end.

PROPER METHOD OF LINEMAN BELT USE

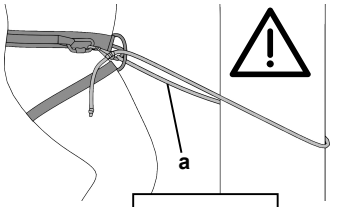


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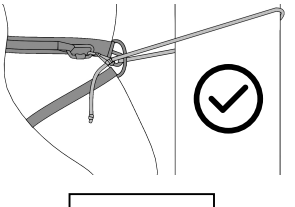


Figure 6.2

1. **NEVER** allow your lineman's belt to angle downward away from your waist. (Fig. 6.1).
2. The lineman's belt should **ALWAYS** be angled upwards away from your waist. (Fig. 6.2).
3. **NEVER** allow yourself to be more than 14" away from tree (b)(Fig. 2.2).
4. **ALWAYS** ensure your lineman's belt has a properly tied stopper knot and adequate tag end.

PROPER METHOD OF SUSPENSION RELIEF

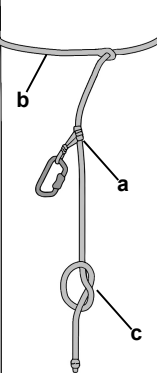


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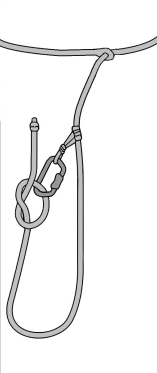


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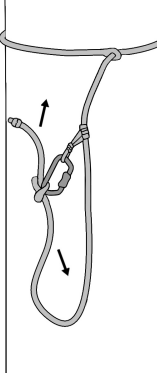


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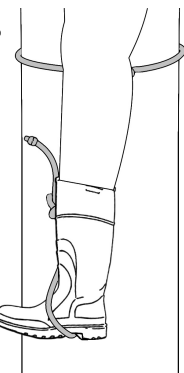


Figure 7.4

⚠ WARNING ⚠

In case of emergency, it is imperative that you have and are able to properly install a suspension relief device. These devices allow you to remove body weight from your harness and allow blood circulation to lower extremities to prevent suspension trauma. Follow all manufacturers' directions on the safe use of your suspension relief device. You can use your lineman's belt or tether as a suspension relief device, as well. Here is how:

1. Install your tether or lineman's belt onto the tree by passing the free end through the fixed eye of the rope and pulling it tight to the tree. Adjust your friction hitch (a) to ~3"-5" from the girth hitch (b). (Fig. 7.1)
2. Loosely tie an overhand knot (c) into the tag end of the rope. (Fig. 7.1)
3. While still loose, clip the overhand knot into the carabiner (Fig. 7.2) and tighten the knot by pulling both ends of the rope on either side of the knot (Fig. 7.3).
4. Place foot into the created loop and stand up so your weight is no longer in the harness. (Fig. 7.4)