

Recalled Hunting Season Products/Accessories

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With many experienced hunters securing licenses and heading out on their first hunting trips of the new season, it's important for everyone to make sure that they're using the best equipment available. All hunters need to look through every piece of their gear *now*, whether it's stored at home or elsewhere, to be sure it hasn't been recalled recently.

According to the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Web site, a number of hunting accessories have been recalled during the last few years. A sample listing of those items is set forth below.

Recalled Hunting Products and Accessories

- In April of 2011, **Spot LLC**, of Covington, Louisiana, agreed to recall 15,400 **Spot Satellite Communicators** because of their faulty internal voltage regulators. When they malfunction, it can be impossible to send messages and critical tracking data when emergencies arise. Although no injury reports have been received, the company has learned of at least two instances when these devices were used at temperatures below 40 degrees Fahrenheit, that they failed to work;
- In November of 2010, **Beman**, of Salt Lake City, Utah, voluntarily recalled about 11,300
- **Beman Bone Collector Arrows** because they can break when shot or launched, causing unforeseen targets to be hit. Those using the arrows and unsuspecting bystanders can suffer puncture wounds and other injuries;
- Also in November of 2010, **Hunter Safety System of Danville, Alabama**, voluntarily recalled about 16,000 **Carabiners** because their pins can detach, possibly causing

climbing straps or other critical devices to malfunction. When that occurs, people can fall or suffer other injuries, depending on how their carabiners were being used;

- In October of 2010, **Primal Vantage Company**, Inc., of Randolph, New Jersey, voluntarily recalled close to 40,000 Ameristep **Plastic Strap-On Tree Steps** because the plastic parts of the steps can break, creating fall risks for consumers. At least two injury reports have been received regarding this product;
- In July of 2010, **Muddy Outdoors**, of Camdenton, Missouri, agreed to recall about 2,550 **2009 Muddy Outdoors Tree Climbing Sticks** due to their defective bolts that can cause important lengths of rope to break, creating serious fall risks for consumers;
- In January of 2010, **Summit Treestands LLC**, of Decatur, Alabama, voluntarily recalled close to 6,800 **Talon Hunting Hang-on Tree Stands and Brackets/Straps** because the tree stand brackets can fail, creating dangerous fall risks for those using them.

(Any interested reader who wants to review the entire list of recently recalled hunting accessories can do so by visiting the following CPSC Web page: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cgi-bin/prod.aspx>. Just scroll down and choose/highlight "Hunting Accessories.")

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