

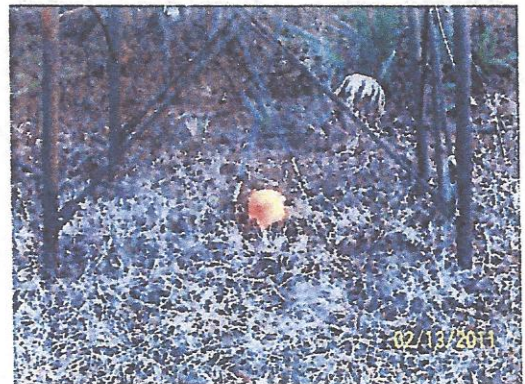
Hunting Safety Alert

Steel Posts being used to anchor hunting stands and feeders

Many clubs are or have been using steel posts to anchor shooting stands and feeders from being pushed over by heavy winds (See photo 1 attached). The practice of using these steel posts to anchor stands is not unsafe, but when stands or feeders are moved to different locations the steel posts are left sticking out of the ground. This practice of leaving the steel posts sticking one to two feet above ground is causing damage to logging and site prep equipment. Typically these steel posts are a color that blends in with forest floor or grassy food plots. There is a more acceptable practice that uses an anchor that is screwed in the ground under the stand or feeder and can be taken out when the stand or feeder is moved (See attached 2 photo). This year Hancock Forest Management is asking hunting clubs to discontinue using these steel t-posts to anchor stands and feeders and begin using the safer method of anchoring stands or feeders. If your club is currently using these steel posts for anchors, we ask that you remove them from the ground. This year we are asking for voluntary compliance with this safety issue, but clubs should be aware that this may become part of their yearly license with potential for cancellation of the lease if the club fails to comply. Thank you for your help and have a safe hunting season.



1. Steel Post driven in the Ground



2. Screw in Anchors – Acceptable