

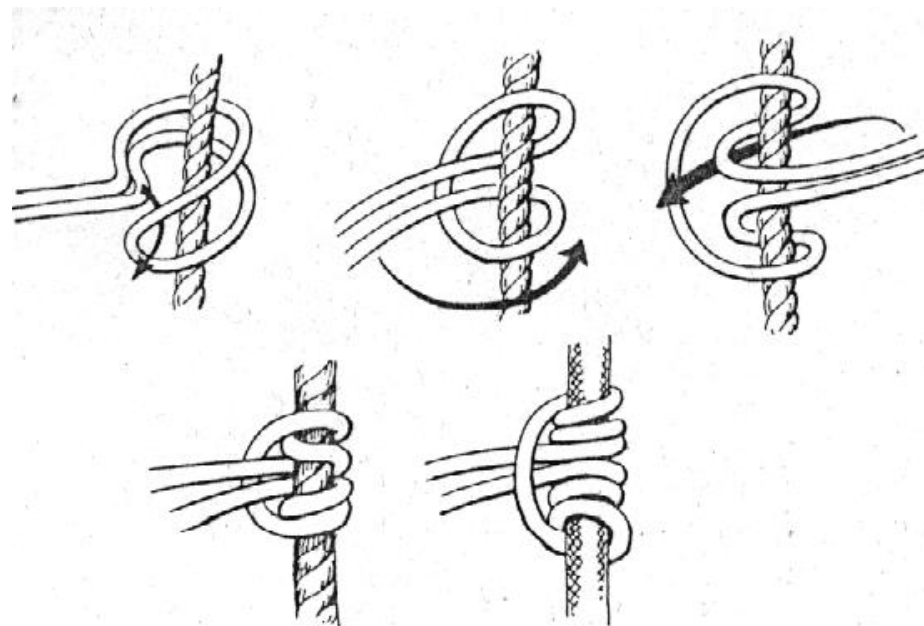
## Setting up and using a Safety Rope Climbing System

Practice all these steps first before you go out to use the system the first time. It will save you time and make you more confident with the system and keep you safer.

- 1) Tie a length of your own cord that is long enough to toss over a solid branch that will be above you in the tree to the loop on the end of the Climber line.
- 2) Using a weight on the end of the cord, throw it over the limb. Also make sure your tie-on Loop is at the bottom of the rope. If it becomes disconnected from the line, follow the knot tying instructions to re-tie the Loop
- 3) When you have the Climber line set where you want it, put the untied end of the line through the looped end and pull it all the way up snug against the top of where you have decided to set the line. Make sure that this point is very sturdy. Pull on it with as much force as you can to tighten the line at the top. (If the Climber line is too short to do this, but long enough to reach your stand, use another length of cord on the untied end to let the line go far enough up the tree so you can reach the loop, then start over here.)
- 4) Next, tie off the bottom of the Climber line to the bottom of the tree where you will start to climb. Keep the line fairly snug.
- 5) Attach the loop to your harness, a full body harness is recommended, by one of the attached methods:
  - a) Use a ONLY a LOCKING Carabiner between the Loop and your harness.
  - b) Double loop the Loop through your harness.
  - c) If applicable, attach the Loop to a lanyard that is connected to your harness according to manufacturers instructions.

**VERY IMPORTANT NEXT STEP** --- Test the Loop on the line and make sure it locks when pressure is applied. If it does not tighten, snug up the Loop. It should be not to tight so that you cannot move it easily, but tight enough so that it grabs quickly when pulled on fairly hard.

- 6) Begin to climb the tree. You must push the knot on the Loop both up and down the Climber line as you go. If you pull on the loop itself, it will tighten and lock. Practice this before going out and using it in your stand the first time.
- 7) Once you are in your tree stand adjust the Loop so that it is behind you and out of the way. Never disconnect from the Climber line. You should also adjust the slack in the Loop so that when you are sitting down there is no slack in the loop.
- 8) Use the same steps as in #7 to come down the tree, moving the Loop down with you.
- 9) To remove the Climber line from the tree, re-tie your own cord to the loop at the top, before you come down from the tree. Use this to pull the line off the tree and over the branch that you have the Climber line set on.



The above diagram shows how to tie the Prusik knot, which is used to connect the Loop to the Climber line.



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Always keep your Climber equipment in clean and good shape. If the Climber line or loop begins to fray anywhere, do not use it to climb with.

Here are specifications to put together your Safety Climbing System from some of the best climbing rope available. With proper care it should last several years, but always check the system out for wear before using.

**Specifications for BlueWater Ropes used in Climbing Systems:**

Item	Diameter	Tensile Strength	Safe Working Load	Weight per 100 feet
Climber Line	11.6 mm 7/16"	6500 lbf	433 lbs.	5.47 lbs
Climber Loop	8.0 mm 5/16"	4000 lbf	266lbs	3.5 lbs

**Warning:**

Hunting from trees is a potentially hazardous activity. Any person using this equipment in any manner is personally responsible for learning the proper techniques involved, assumes all risks, and accepts full and complete responsibility for any and all damages or injury of any kind. Failure to learn and practice safe use of this equipment may result in serious injury.

**Safety Climbing Systems Instructions**



Read all instructions and practice using the systems before putting it into use.