

# Controlled Bowhunt Guidelines

**Only** antlerless deer may be harvested unless you have been granted a buck tag from a participating agency.

**Report** your harvest of an antlerless deer within 12 hours to the agency contact person for the area in which you are hunting.

**Check-in** your deer with the verifying official for the agency for the area in which you are hunting. Hunters shall remove 1-1/2" to 2" off the tip of either ear of all antlerless deer in the presence of the verifying official.

**Call** the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to report all harvested deer (phone number is on transportation tag).

**There** will be no driving or stalking of deer.

**All** bows must be cased while traveling to and from the site of the hunting stand.

**All** shots must be taken from elevated stands. All stands must be portable with no permanent stands erected or screw-in steps used (no nails/lag screws driven into trees). Strap-on steps, a ladder, or a climbing stand are allowed. Stands shall also visibly display a tag issued by the agency where required.

**All** stands must be located at the proper distance from any structure or trail according to the individual agency's ordinance.

**Hunters** must know their effective shooting range and not shoot beyond that range. Shots shall not exceed 25 yards.

**Be** sure to identify your target as an antlerless deer (unless hunter has a Buck Incentive Tag for that area), focusing on adult does.

**Be** aware of what is downrange of your hunting stand and attempt to retrieve all arrows.

**Contact** the local agency contact person and/or a local Conservation Officer from the Iowa DNR within 12 hours if you are unable to locate a wounded deer.

**Use** proper field dressing techniques. Don't leave entrails in a noticeable location. Carcass disposal is the responsibility of the hunter.

**Respect** private property.

**Remove** yourself immediately from any harassment situation with another hunter or citizen, and report the incident to the agency or Iowa DNR Conservation Officer.

**Report** violators of any rules or regulations to the agency contact person or Iowa DNR Conservation Officer.

**Have** in your possession at all times while bow hunting, a valid Iowa Hunting License, wildlife habitat stamp (if required), Bow Hunter Safety Course Certification, Proficiency Test Certification and special use permit from the agency for the area in which you are hunting.

**Be** aware that seasons as well as rules and regulations for the controlled bow hunt may vary from one area to another. It is the bow hunter's responsibility to know the rules, regulations and boundaries for the area in which they are hunting.

**NOTE: Hunters found in violation of any of these guidelines or rules and regulations may immediately have their special use permit revoked by the issuing agency.**