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Middlesex County Forest Tree Stands or Elevated Platforms

The use of hunting tree stands or elevated platforms (stands) within the County of Middlesex Forest is allowed subject to the following regulations:

- Stands must be commercially available, factory-manufactured designs specifically for hunting.
- Stands must be installed responsibly with all straps or chains applied so as not to injure damage or impede the growth of the tree.
- Climbing devices used to access the stand must be of the ladder type or steps attached to the tree with binding straps or chains.
- Any penetration of the tree (screws, nails, spikes, or any other items that pierce the tree) is strictly prohibited.
- Each licensed hunter is restricted to one stand.
- Stands must be removed on or before the end of the hunting season (December 31st).
- Stands must have the owner's name, address, and phone number permanently affixed to the climbing device at four (4) feet above ground level.
- Hunters use of a stands is entirely at their own risk.
- Stands that violate these regulations will be removed and recycled.