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Paracord

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#1

Is paracord safe for a bridge or prussic knot?

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Scott F

Well-Known Member

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#2

Only if you weight less than 10 lbs, or if you only hunt from a 2' stand.

There are scores of adequate rope options, dont skimp on safety, you only get that option once...

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HardBall

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Absolutley NOT! You want at least a factor of 10, if not 20, for safety.

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HardBall said: 

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My last post may come off as me being a smart @ss - that was not my intent; sorry.

You could probably have a length of 1" tubular nylon in your hands in a matter of hours, it is very adequate and accessible in a variety of stores. Some folks prefer it over all other options. As an added benefit, with a couple easy-to-learn knots, it is very adjustable and more importantly, safe.

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HardBall

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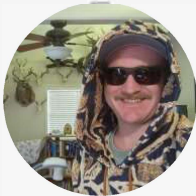
I wouldn't consider any rope available at Home Depot adequate for life support activities. You need some serious rock climbing or arborist rope (or tubular webbing, as mentioned).

REI, Bass Pro, or a good military surplus store sells tubular webbing.

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Nutterbuster

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Rope at a hardware store is not intended for life support. There are many things you can save money on when hunting. Camouflage, boots, snacks, rifles, arrows, etc. A rope that is literally the only thing between you and either death or maiming is not a good candidate.

Buy some good rope made for dangling people in the air, or keep your boots on the ground. It may sound harsh, but a 30ft drop is a heckuva-lot harsher.

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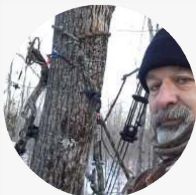
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**boyne
bowhunter**

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I realize the 600 lbs load rating sounds like enough when you compare it to your static load (i.e your weight). The issue that comes up is when something unforeseen happens and you fall unrestrained for some distance before it taking the load. In those cases the actual dynamic load on the rope can become very high and it doesn't take much distance to exceed 600 lbs. There's some interesting calculators for this online intended for sport/rock climbers.

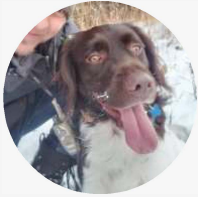
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cb750

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#9

Over and above all the safety issues paracord tends to also be too thin in diameter so it binds too much when used as a prussic...or so I hear.. hehe... It is tempting to use because its so readily accessible. As mentioned above though its just not safe.

The lazy do not roast any game, but the diligent feed on the riches of the hunt.

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#10

boyne bowhunter said:

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My whole family was or is Iron Workers. OSHA requires a 5000 pound rating for a fall support.

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Guff Dawg and boyne bowhunter



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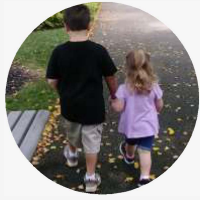
#11

I'm taking everyone's advice and returning the rope I bought. I'm ordering some Amsteel. Is 1/4" sufficient? Amazon has 25' for around \$30.

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Cartersville, Georgia

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#12

Jason Wandling said:

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Amsteel is great, but you need to splice it. You can't tie knots in it. Luckily, splicing Amsteel is super easy. Search splicing on the forum; you'll find everything you need.

Low and Slow!

It's better to find out it doesn't work at 3 feet than 30.

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Jason Wandling and Marc W

**GCTerpfan**

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#13

Jason Wandling said:

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Your first post asked about a bridge and a prusik. Amsteel will work on the bridge but not for a prusik knot.

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**EricS**

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#14

I prefer climbing rope that has a reputation I feel like I can depend on. That said there is plenty of climbing rope that is from companies I have never heard of on amazon. It's at least climbing rated. 32' of 10mm for 19.99. That's enough for a tether, linesmans and bridge. Then you will need prussik line pre made prussik or the website favorite ropeman 1. On the budget you can buy good prussik cord for about 1.50 per foot or presewn prussik loops for about ten bucks a piece. This stuff sounds expensive but it is already something treestand hunters should be using.

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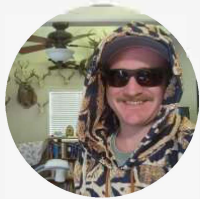
#15

If there's a BassPro near you, you can purchase a tree stand life line. It will have one or two prusicks and enough rope to make a linemans belt, bridge and tether.

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#16

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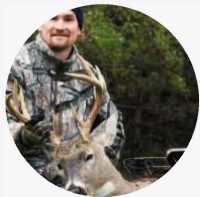
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Phenomenal advice. A muddy or hss safeline costs all of \$40, and has PLENTY of rooe to play with. I still use my hss rope-style tree tethers from my climber days for a linemans and tether sometimes.

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#17

I Purchased the run and gun package when I bought my wild edge tree steps I am not sure what rope is used for their lineman's belt but I really liked how stiff it is for climbing. When I finally got my Kestral the bridge and tether for that I believe is predator rope I feel this is a great rope for a bridge as far as predator rope for a linemans belt I prefer the rope I got from wild edge. Bottom line is use good rope and go home to your family after each hunt and not in a wheelchair.

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GeoffJenkins

**Kurt**

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Massachusetts

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#18

cb750 said:

Over and above all the safety issues paracord tends to also be too thin in diameter so it binds too much when used as a prussic...or so I hear.. hehe... It is tempting to use because its so readily accessible. As mentioned above though its just not safe.

I used paracord as a prussik on a 5' piece of nylon cloths line to hang my pack, but even that load caused it to bind to much to be useful

Death from above...Always "All the way"
Don't tell me how far you shot.
Tell me how close you got!

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#19

rutjr said:

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That is probably the easiest starting point. The only thing I saw about the climbing rope is both ends have a spliced eye. They are tight eyes but [@Jason Wandling](#) posted a picture of a diy saddle. The right eye will give him a spot for a secondary hookup without a big knot.

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#20

Lfs marine has 1/4" Amsteel blue for.90/foot. I'm ordering a splicing tool also. I used to splice ropes and steel cables all the time but it's been almost 15 years ago. Amsteel looks so much easier to splice

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