

WHERE TO FIND HELP!

If you need assistance with any state-related issue, please do not hesitate to contact me at one of my offices. If you need to reach me, the back panel of this brochure lists my contact information.

Thank you for giving me the honor to serve as your state representative. I look forward to hearing from you.



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Learn what this color means for hunters and property owners.

WHAT IS THE PURPLE PAINT LAW?

On Sunday, January 26, 2020, the Purple Paint Law went into effect. Under this law, purple markings act as 'No Trespassing' signs to warn hunters, and other passers-by, where private property begins.

This law is in effect throughout Pennsylvania aside from Philadelphia and Allegheny counties.

Man-made signs can be easily ripped down by trespassers or can be carried away by the wind or rain. Painting trees or posts on the land makes for a more permanent sign that is less of a hassle to maintain, and is easily recognizable to anyone near the property.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

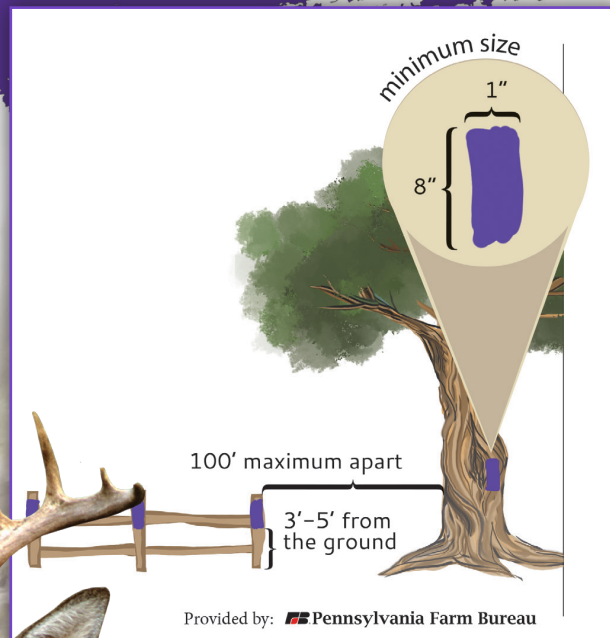
Hunters, hikers and other outdoorsmen who encounter purple paint stripes are forbidden from entering that property. If they do, they may be charged with a summary offense, or a third degree misdemeanor if the trespasser was directly told by the property owner that they may not use the property.

*This shall not apply to an unarmed person who enters onto posted property for the sole purpose of retrieving a hunting dog.

REQUIRED STRIPE MEASUREMENTS

The painted stripes must be at least eight inches long, and one inch wide, painted between three and five feet above the ground.

Each paint stripe cannot be more than 100 feet away from the next closest stripe, and must be placed so that they are easily visible to a person approaching the property.



WHERE DID THIS LAW COME FROM?

During the early 1990s, states started adopting statutes that permitted landowners to use colored paint to notify others not to trespass on the land. The paint had advantages over signs in that paint could not be removed by the trespasser or adverse weather conditions.

At least 22 states - including Pennsylvania - authorize colors for posting notice not to trespass. The colors range from purple, bright orange, florescent yellow, aluminum, to any color. The following states permit the color purple to be posted: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

This law is supported by both the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen and Conservationists.