While decoys can increase your chances of harvesting a gobbler, they also increase the chances of danger while hunting. Today’s decoys are life-like and could draw fire from an unknowing hunter. Be sure to:

1. Be sure to check state turkey hunting regulations regarding the use of decoys while hunting. If using a mechanical decoy device, be sure to check the regulations as to its use.

2. Never transport decoys uncovered. Make sure decoys are placed inside transportation bags or in your vest while moving through the turkey woods.

3. Establish a clear line of vision for at least 100 yards when placing your decoys. Decoys should be placed 20 to 40 yards from your hunting position.

4. Do not place decoys directly in front of you. Having the decoy directly in front of you will allow the gobbler to see you. Most importantly, if an unknown hunter comes in on your set-up and shoots at one of the decoys, you would be in the direct line of fire.

5. Place decoys to either the right or left of your position. This will allow you to use your natural swing with your shotgun to track an incoming gobbler.

6. If you see another hunter stalking your decoys, do not wave your hands or make any movement. Call out in a loud voice to alert them of your presence. Keep decoys in plain view. Never place them in brush or cover.