



Lawful use of depredation permits

It's important to know and follow the rules for using a permit.

In recent years, our conservation officers have observed several common violations associated with landowner mitigation permits and vouchers. If you obtain one of these permits, it is your responsibility to know and follow all of the rules and regulations that apply to harvesting antlered and antlerless big game. For details, please see the *Big Game Field Regulations Guidebook* available at wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks.



Don't break the law when using your permit

Here's a brief list of the most common violations committed by individuals who have landowner mitigation permits and vouchers. Be sure to follow the laws so you don't receive a citation for:

- **Loaning someone a permit** — A permit is only valid for the person whose name is on it. The only exception is if a person is enrolled in the Utah Hunter Mentoring Program. See wildlife.utah.gov/mentor for details.
- **Hunting outside of the unit** — A permit is valid only on those lands described on the permit.
- **Trespassing** — The permit does not constitute written permission to hunt on another person's property.

- **Failure to tag** — The carcass of any protected wildlife must be tagged before the harvested animal is moved from, or the hunter leaves, the site of the kill. Instructions are printed on the tag attached to the mitigation permit.
- **Failure to wear hunter orange** — A person must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange material while hunting with an antlerless mitigation permit.
- **Hunting before or after hours** — Big game hunting may only occur from 30 minutes before official sunrise to 30 minutes after official sunset.
- **Hunting out of season** — A permit is only valid for the dates listed on the permit.
- **Hunting without a permit** — The permit must be in the possession of the hunter while he or she is in the act of hunting.
- **Going over the limit** — Each permit is valid for only one animal.
- **Shooting from a vehicle** — A person may not discharge any kind of dangerous weapon or firearm from an automobile or other vehicle. The only exception is for a hunter with a disability who has obtained a Certificate of Registration that allows shooting from a vehicle.
- **Harvesting the wrong species or sex** — A mitigation permit is only valid for the antlerless species listed on the permit. An antlerless deer, pronghorn or elk is defined as an animal without antlers or one that has antlers less than five inches in length.
- **Redeeming more than one voucher** — A hunter may only redeem one antlerless deer or pronghorn voucher. If a hunter has already obtained a pronghorn permit — for either a buck or a doe — that hunter may not redeem a voucher. If a hunter has already obtained an antlerless deer permit, he or she may not redeem a voucher. **Note:** A hunter may redeem two antlerless elk vouchers, but only if the hunter has not obtained a bull/hunter's choice permit or received an antlerless elk permit from the antlerless drawing for the current year. If either of those circumstances apply, the hunter may only redeem one antlerless elk voucher.

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