



# Bow Equipment Check

## CHECKLIST

	<p><b>Strings and Cables</b> Check your bow string and cables for wear, breaks, and frays. If these are in poor condition, they may break, which can cause serious injuries. Especially before the first shot of the season, it's a good idea to wax your bow string.</p>
	<p><b>D-Loop</b> Make sure your D-loop is tied tight and it is in good condition, free of breaks and frays. If your D-loop is damaged, like the string and cables, it may end up breaking at the worst of times.</p>
	<p><b>Cams</b> Visually inspect the cams of your bow to ensure there are no nicks or cracks. Damaged cams can cause the string to roll off. Make sure to also check where your bow string loops into the cams—a common place for fraying.</p>
	<p><b>Limbs</b> Look at the bow's limbs for cracks, splintering, and bubbling. If you spot anything abnormal on this front, you should have your bow checked by a professional.</p>
	<p><b>Screws</b> Snug all the screws on your bow—especially those that hold the sight, rest, and quiver—with the right-sized wrench. Loose screws will increase the noise of your bow and may throw off arrow flight or your sights.</p>
	<p><b>Arrows</b> Shooting a broken arrow poses a serious threat to your safety. Check arrows for straightness and damage, especially where the insert is attached. Some arrows, specifically full metal jacket arrows, may bend, causing flight issues.</p>



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	<p><b>Nocks and Fletching</b> All nocks should be checked for cracks and breaks, and fletching checked for rips and wrinkles. The fletching is what stabilizes the arrow; if it is in bad shape, your arrow's flight will not be true. Refletching an arrow may take a little time, but it is well worth it.</p>
	<p><b>Broadheads</b> You should never shoot the same broadhead_arrow twice unless it's been resharpened. As such, any expandable or fixed blade heads must be checked for sharpness. Replace any damaged or dull blades or change out the broadhead entirely if sharpening isn't an option.</p>
	<p><b>Release</b> Open and close your release to ensure that it works smoothly, and tighten any screws that may have loosened up.</p>