



SAFETY MOMENT Bulletin 6

PURPLE PAINT LAW

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Summary: Be aware of property lines and trespassing. Usually you will not see the sign, just the paint. Avoid to run across the purple paint all over Texas. Purple was chosen due to the fact that even people who are color blind will see it, only will see it as being darker and more visible, which is a good thing

Key Information:

- Beside that trespassing is a misdemeanor in Texas this would represent a dangerous situation. For example the land could be designated as a shooting range, hunting area, wildlife, terrain conditions uneven or unsafe.
- There are at least five states that also use purple more than 10 that use orange or lime green.

Illinois: "Purple Paint Law"

Missouri: "Purple No Trespassing"

North Carolina: Purple paint on trees to serve as new 'no trespassing' sign.

Maine: Purple Paint - No Trespassing (adopted in 2012)

Florida: Purple Paint - No Trespassing

Idaho: Fluorescent Orange Paint

Arkansas: Purple Paint - No Trespassing

Montana: Orange Paint - No Trespassing

Arizona: Orange Paint - No Trespassing

Kansas: Purple Paint – No Trespassing



Additional resources:

- http://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/nonpwdpubs/water_issues/rivers/navigation/riddell/trespass.phtml
- <http://www.geocachingaustin.com/reference/purplepaint-texasnottrespassingmarking>
- http://www.ehow.com/list_6671904_criminal-trespassing-laws.html#ixzz1kc8fDokP