



The Wisconsin Sportsmen's Caucus successfully sponsored legislation that last year allowed hunters in The Badger State to wear fluorescent pink to satisfy safety requirements.

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## **NEWS:**

# **Delaware Hunters to be "Pretty in Pink?"**

**MARCH 10, 2017** – Could Delaware hunters soon have fashion options when it comes time to go afield?

[A bill moving through the Virginia legislature](#) would allow hunters required to wear fluorescent orange to wear [florescent pink](#) instead.

Most states require sportsmen hunting during certain seasons to wear a minimum amount of fluorescent orange on their head, back and chest. The color is easily spotted and has been credited with reducing accidents.

Many game animals, like deer, have a limited ability to perceive color -- allowing sportsmen to don safety clothing without alerting their quarry.

Pink camouflage and other pink hunting gear has been popular for many years, but until recently it had not been a legal alternative to satisfy the hunter safety mandate. In the last several years, four states -- Wisconsin, Colorado, Louisiana and New York -- have enacted laws giving hunters that option.

In part, the change is a nod to hunting's changing demographics. While the popularity of hunting (as measured by license sales) has fallen in many states, including Delaware, women have bucked the trend.

According to the [National Shooting Sports Foundation](#), there were approximately 1.8 million women hunters in the U.S. in 2001. By 2013, the number had grown to 3.3 million -- an 85-percent increase.

Although no bill has yet been introduced, State Rep. Jeff Spiegelman, R-Clayton, one of the co-chairs of the Delaware General Assembly's Sportsmen's Caucus, said he would be open to the idea.

"So long as pink has been observed as being as safe in the woods as orange, I am fully in support of looking at ways to modernize hunting in order to attract more people to the sport and tradition," he said.



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