



Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries

DEER/TURKEY TRANSFER OF POSSESSION REQUIREMENT

Documentation Required When Transferring Possession of Deer/Turkey Harvest

What is required?

When transferring the possession of a deer or turkey (whole or part) that has been harvested in Alabama, written documentation of that transfer is required by law.

How it works?

If you transfer possession of your deer or turkey harvest (whole or part) to any other person, taxidermist or deer processor, you must provide them with written documentation of the transfer when they take possession of the animal.

Hunters are responsible for reporting all of their deer and turkey harvests through Game Check within 48 hours of harvest **OR** prior to transfer of possession. The person receiving the animal is responsible for keeping the required written documentation while the animal is in their possession.

The written documentation must include:

- Full name of the person who harvested the animal
- Conservation ID number (CID) of the person who harvested the animal
- Game Check Confirmation Number associated with that animal
- Date the animal was harvested

Acceptable forms of documentation:

- Any piece of paper with the required information is acceptable.
- The new Deer/Turkey Transfer of Possession Certificate is provided as a convenient way for a hunter to document the transfer of possession of their deer or turkey harvest to any other person, taxidermist or deer processor.
- The Deer/Turkey Transfer of Possession Certificate is available for download at www.outdooralabama.com/hunting/hunter-resources

Why is this required?

Written documentation of the transfer of possession is required under the Game Check/Harvest Record reporting requirement for deer and turkey harvested in Alabama (*Alabama Administrative Code 220-2-.146*).

The harvest data collected through Game Check is a valuable resource used to manage deer and turkey populations and set seasons and bag limits. Ensuring this information is obtained prior to transferring possession will increase data accuracy and aid in the formation of management strategies that will benefit both deer and turkey populations and hunter opportunities.

NOTE: The person receiving the deer or turkey is responsible for keeping written documentation while the animal is in their possession.



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DEER/TURKEY TRANSFER OF POSSESSION CERTIFICATE

FULL NAME: _____

CID# _____

GAME CHECK CONFIRMATION NUMBER: _____

DATE OF HARVEST: _____