

## **Trespassing Law**

Assembly Bill AB 13 was signed into law as Wisconsin Act 451. Under the law people need to get permission for entry on all private agricultural land, fenced land and undeveloped land whether it is posted or not. Basically, people need to get permission before entering any private lands. This includes forest land, grasslands and wetland, as well as farmland.

The penalty for violating the trespass statute is a civil (not criminal) forfeiture. The maximum penalty is a forfeiture of \$1,000. A person who receives a trespass citation may choose not to contest the citation in which case the person forfeits the deposit, which is \$203.

The trespass laws are enforced by the county sheriff or local enforcement officers. DNR wardens are not authorized to enforce trespass laws.

The Town of Lisbon requires that a person carry written permission from the land owner when hunting.

It is in violation of the law to take a short-cut back to a road across private land, chase dogs across private land or follow wounded game into private land without first getting permission.