

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 12: CONSERVATION**  
**Chapter 917: TRAPPING**

**§12252. UNLAWFUL TRAPPING METHODS**

**1. Unlawfully rigging traps.** A person may not use auxiliary teeth on any leg-hold trap set on land.

[ 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF) .]

**2. Use or possession of prohibited implements or aids.** A person may not:

A. Set or tend a snare for the purpose of trapping any wild animal or wild bird, except as provided in section 10105, subsection 1 and section 12259; [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

B. Set or tend a set gun for the purpose of killing, taking, catching, wounding, harming or molesting any wild animal or wild bird; [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF) .]

C. Deposit any medicinal, poisonous or stupefying substance for the purpose of killing, taking, catching, wounding, harming or molesting any wild animal or wild bird, except that a landowner or member of the landowner's immediate family may use gas cartridges on the landowner's own land for woodchuck control; or [2015, c. 301, §31 (AMD) .]

D. Sell, advertise, give notice of the sale or keep for sale any set gun or poisonous substance for the taking of wild animals or wild birds, except that a person may sell, advertise, give notice of sale of or keep for sale rodenticide for orchard mouse control and gas cartridges for woodchuck control. [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF) .]

[ 2015, c. 301, §31 (AMD) .]

**3. Use of pole traps.** A person may not use or set any steel trap on the top of a pole, constituting a device commonly known as a "pole trap" for the purposes of catching any wild bird.

[ 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF) .]

**4. Penalty.** A person who violates this section commits a Class E crime.

[ 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §214 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

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