



**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
**Natural Resources Police**  
**Hunting Incident Report**  
**FY 2005**



Age (shooter or responsible person)	Two Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Under 10 years				
10-19 yrs.				1
20-29 yrs.				3
30-39 yrs.				5
40-49 yrs.	1	1		
50-59 yrs.				2
60 + yrs.		1		1
unknown				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>

Causes	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Careless Handling				3
Fall From Tree Stand				9
Game Flew Between Victim and Shooter		1		
Victim mistaken for game	1	1		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>

Distance From Victim to Shooter	Two-Party	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal
0-10 yds.		
11-50 yds.		1
51 yds. & over	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

Victim Wearing Hunter Orange	Two -Party	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Yes		1
No	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

Weather	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Clear	1	1		1
Rainy				1
Snow		1		
Drizzle				1
Unknown				9
Totals	1	2	0	12

Species Hunted	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Deer		1		11
Turkey	1			
Geese				1
Rabbits		1		
Totals	1	2	0	12

Hunting Device Used	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Rifle	1	1		1
Muzzleloader				2
Shotgun		1		2
Bow				7
Totals	1	2	0	12

<b>Narrative</b>
A 36 year-old Queen Anne's County deer hunter, with a broken arrow in his jacket pocket, slipped in the snow and fell. The broadhead on the arrow cut through his jacket and upper left thigh. Non-fatal.
A 61 year-old Kent County goose hunter shot himself in two fingers when he brought the barrel of the gun up to shoot and put it through through his goose call lanyard. When he slid the lanyard over the barrel of the gun to free it, he accidentally pulled the trigger. Non-fatal.
A 15 year-old Baltimore County deer hunter shot off one of his toes while sitting on a bucket, pulling the bolt back on his muzzleloader. He placed the primer on the nipple and the bolt slipped. The firearm discharged. Non-fatal.
A 29 year-old Worcester County deer hunter fell 20 feet from his tree stand when a gust of wind caused him to lose his balance while preparing to shoot. Victim received injuries to his hip and knee. Non-fatal
A 71 year-old Allegany County deer hunter fell 11 feet while starting to get out of his tree stand. Victim received 3 cracked vertebrae, 1 broken rib and 6 stitches in his hand. Non-fatal.
A 35 year-old Baltimore County deer hunter fell approximately 25 feet while securing his tree stand to the tree. Victim received a broken shoulder and injuries to his back and arm. Non-fatal.
A 34 year-old Cecil County deer hunter received leg and neck injuries when he fell 15 feet from a tree limb he was sitting on. Non-fatal.
A 39 year-old Frederick County deer hunter fell 28 feet with his tree stand when the victim shot his bow. The tree stand was not properly secured to the tree and a safety harness was not used. Victim received a broke wrist as well as cuts and bruises. Non-fatal.
A 24 year-old Charles County deer hunter fell 15 feet while attempting to secure the tree stand's safety cable around the tree. Victim received injuries to his head, back, shoulders and chest. Non-fatal.
A 39 year-old Frederick County deer hunter slipped on a wet carpet covering the tree stand's wooden step. Victim sustained a broken wrist, lacerated right cheek and 3 broken ribs. Non-fatal.
A 51 year-old Allegany County deer hunter fell 8-10 feet while exiting his tree stand. He was treated for lacerations and bruises. Non-fatal
A 20 year-old Carroll County deer hunter fell 30 feet from his tree stand while he was attempting to untangle the strap. He was wearing a safety belt but had not attached it to the tree yet. Victim received injuries to arm, shoulder, back and chest. Non-fatal.
A 42-year-old Baltimore County deer poacher shot his partner with a .22 magnum rifle at 40 yards. It was well after sunset, deer season was closed, and it was snowing. The shooter thought that the victim was a deer and shot. The bullet hit the victim's collarbone, exited the neck and lodged in his chin. Non-fatal. Numerous charges were filed against both. Non-fatal
A 69 year-old Charles County rabbit hunter shot his 52-year-old hunting partner when a rabbit ran between them. The victim was about 58 yards away obscured by a thicket. Victim received 16 pellets in the chest, arm and leg. Non-fatal.
A 49 year-old Allegany County turkey hunter shot his 35 year old hunting partner in the chest with a .22 hornet 94 yards away when the shooter mistook the victim for a turkey. Fatal.