

**Maryland Natural Resources Police**  
**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF**  
**NATURAL RESOURCES**

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Age (Shooter or responsible person)	Two Party		Self-Inflicted / Tree Stand Fall	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Under 10 Years				
10 – 19 Years				1
20 – 29 Years				1
30 – 39 Years				1
40 – 49 Years				
50 – 59 Years				
60+ Years			1	1
Unknown				
TOTALS			1	4

Causes	Two Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Careless Handling				1
Fall From Tree Stand			1	3
Victim Mistaken for Game				
Victim Covered by Shooter				
Finger on Trigger				
TOTALS			1	4

Distance From Shooter To Victim	Two Party	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal
00 – 10 Yards		
11 – 50 Yards		
51 Yards & Over		
TOTALS		

<b>Victim Wearing Hunter Orange</b>	<b>Two Party</b>	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Yes		
No		
Not Applicable		
Unknown		
<b>TOTALS</b>		

<b>Weather and/or Lighting Conditions</b>	<b>Two Party</b>		<b>Self-Inflicted / Tree Stand Fall</b>	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Clear			1	
Partly Overcast				
Pre-Dawn/Dusk				
Unknown				3
<b>TOTALS</b>				

<b>Game Species Hunted</b>	<b>Two Party</b>		<b>Self-Inflicted / Tree Stand Fall</b>	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Deer			1	4
Squirrel				
Dove				
Geese/Ducks				
Rabbit				
Turkey				
Unknown				
<b>TOTALS</b>				

<b>Hunting Device Used</b>	<b>Two Party</b>		<b>Self-Inflicted / Tree Stand Fall</b>	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Rifle				1
Muzzleloader			1	
Shotgun				
Bow				2
Unknown				
<b>TOTALS</b>				

## Summary

### **\*\*Indicates Tree Stand Accident**

A 67 year old Calvert County Deer Hunter (Bow Season) fell approximately 18' from a home made wooden tree stand. The victim suffered 2 fractures of his left femur and a fractured left ankle. The victim was not wearing a safety harness and had never taken a hunter education course.

\*\* Non-fatal

A 27 year old Frederick County Deer Hunter (Bow Season) fell approximately 16' from a weathered and rusty tree stand. The victim sustained a ruptured spleen, several fractured vertebrae, and four broken ribs. The victim was not wearing a safety harness.

\*\* Non-fatal

A 35 year old Washington County Deer Hunter (Early M/L Season) was descending from his lock on style tree stand when his foot slipped impaling his groin onto one of the screw on type steps. He was able to free himself and was transported by a hunting companion to the local Emergency Room.

\*\* Non-fatal

A 76 year old Worcester County Deer Hunter (Early Muzzleloader Season) fell from an elevated position (tree stand) while climbing up/down from his stand when a rung on the ladder he was using broke. The tree stand was located adjacent to a chicken house which had a concrete base. It is presumed that the victim fell and landed on his head.

\*\* **Fatal**

An 18 year old Washington County Deer Hunter (Regular Firearms season) suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his right arm. The semi-automatic AR-15 type rifle he had been using was hung on a hook attached to the tree. The victim was hunting at the time from a portable climbing type stand. Upon reaching for the firearm either a branch or the hook went into the trigger guard and engaged the trigger and subsequently a round was fired. During the recoil process this action continued to happen until all of the ammunition in the magazine was depleted. The victim was struck by one of the rounds.

Non-fatal

A 53 year old Dorchester County Deer Hunter (Late F/A's Season) fell while walking to his stand location. The victim sustained injury to his leg that required local EMS to transport to the Emergency Room.

Non-Fatal

Property Damage Only

A 50 year old Carroll County Fox Hunter sent a 6mm rifle round through a patio glass door. The round went through a vinyl garden hose and a plastic lawn chair before going through the door and striking a kitchen chair. The homeowner was the only occupant in the residence at the time and they were in bed sleeping.

Property Damage

A 52 year old Kent County Turkey Hunter (Spring Season) took two shots at a gobbler out in an open field. The second shot was at the bird while in flight. One pellet struck the storm door of an adjacent house causing the glass to shatter. The homeowner was present in the home at time.

Property Damage

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## **Property Damage**

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