



Maryland Department of Natural Resources
 Natural Resources Police
 Hunting Incident Report
 FY 2008



Age (shooter or responsible person)	Two Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Under 10 years				
10-19 yrs.		1		1
20-29 yrs.				3
30-39 yrs.	1	2		2
40-49 yrs.		1		
50-59 yrs.		1		2
60 + yrs.		1		2
unknown				
Totals	1	6	0	10

Causes	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Careless Handling		2		
Fall From Tree Stand				10
Victim mistaken for game	1	1		
Victim covered by shooter		2		
Finger on Trigger		1		
Totals	1	6	0	10

Distance From Victim to Shooter	Two-Party	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal
0-10 yds.		1
11-50 yds.	1	2
51 yds. & over		3
Totals	1	6

Victim Wearing Hunter Orange	Two -Party	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Yes		3
No	1	
N/A		1
Unknown		2
Totals	1	6

Weather	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Clear		3		1
Partly overcast	1	2		
Pre-Dawn		1		
Unknown				9
Totals	1	6	0	10

Species Hunted	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Deer	1	2		10
Squirrel		1		
Dove		1		
Geese		1		
Rabbit		1		
Totals	1	6	0	10

Hunting Device Used	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Rifle	1	1		1
Muzzleloader		2		2
Shotgun		3		1
Bow				5
Unknown				1
Totals	1	6	0	10

Narrative
A 22 year-old Queen Anne's County dove hunter was shot by his father. They were 150 feet apart when a dove flew between them. The father did not see the son through the rows of corn. Victim received approximately 30 pellets in his side and arm. Non-fatal
A 64 year-old Garrett County bow hunter fell 15 - 20 feet to the ground while attempting to enter his tree stand. Victim received a fractured pelvis. Non-fatal
A 50 year-old Wicomico County Deer hunter, while exiting his home made wooden tree stand, stepped on a dead branch believing it was a screw in step. The branch broke and the victim fell 20 feet breaking both his legs. Non-fatal.
A 34 year-old Dorchester County deer hunter while walking into the woods, put a cap on his muzzleloader. The firearm discharged and the projectile struck the victim in the arm. He was sitting on the porch of an adjacent house. Victim received broken arm. Non-Fatal
A 19 year-old St. Mary's county deer hunter leaned against the rail of his home made tree stand 36 feet off the ground. The nails pulled from the tree, the victim exited the tree stand. Victim received fractured pelvis & crushed vertebrae. Non-fatal
A 63 year-old Queen Anne's County Deer Hunter fell 20 feet from his wooden tree stand when the stand failed to support him. Victim and parts of stand fell to ground. Victim was flown to Shock-Trauma with unspecified injuries. Non-fatal.
A 29 year-old Frederick County deer hunter, not using a safety harness, lost his footing while attempting to shoot a deer. Victim fell 20 feet from his tree stand breaking his arm and sustaining other minor injuries. Non-fatal.
A 51 year-old Frederick County deer hunter lost his footing while climbing down the metal ladder leading to his home made wooden tree stand. Victim received: fractured wrist, hip and femur, two fractured ribs and six fractured vertabrae. Non-fatal.
A 39 year-old Allegany County squirrel hunter was shot by his 12 year-old hunting partner who was walking behind the victim with his finger on the trigger. Victim's ankle was shattered. Non-fatal.
A 39 year-old Baltimore County deer hunter fell from his tree stand after losing his balance. Victim received compression fractures of his back. Non-fatal.
A 21 year-old Frederick County deer hunter fell 16 feet from his ladder- type deer stand sustaining 3 broken vertebrae. Victim admitted to having 2 drinks "a couple hours" earlier and there was no evidence of a safety harness being used. Non-fatal.
A 30 year-old PG county deer hunter fell from his home made wooden tree stand when he was attempting to descend to the ground. He lost his grip, fell and landed on his feet. Both ankles were shattered and a leg was broken. Non-fatal
A 24 year-old Queen Anne's County Deer Hunter fell 15 feet when he entered his tree stand and the strap holding the stand to the tree broke. Victim received 3 fractures to his ankle and a shattered heel. Non-fatal
A 47 year-old Allegany County deer hunter, walking into the woods without hunter orange, was shot by a 32 year-old hunter. The shooter heard noise, saw movement through the trees and shot the victim without identifying the target. Fatal.
A 40 year-old Talbot County goose hunter was shot by his hunting partner when the shooter, from outside the blind, shot at a wounded goose. The victim in the blind was in the line of fire. One pellet entered his eye and lodged in his brain. Non-fatal.
A 64 year-old Garrett County deer hunter was shot in the abdomen by another hunter who mistook the victim for a deer. Shooter was charged with negligent hunting. Non-fatal.
A 63 year-old Caroline County rabbit hunter was shot by his 63 year old hunting partner when the shooter stumbled and accidentally discharged the firearm. Victim received 6 pellets to the scalp, which did not require medical attention. Non-fatal.

