



Maryland Department of Natural Resources
 Natural Resources Police
 Hunting Incident Report
 FY 2004



Age (shooter or responsible person)	Two Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Under 10 years				
10-19 yrs.		1	1	3
20-29 yrs.	1			3
30-39 yrs.				3
40-49 yrs.		2		4
50-59 yrs.	1	1		3
60 + yrs.		2		
unknown		1		
Totals	2	7	1	16

Causes	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Careless Handling		1	1	8
Fall From Tree Stand				7
Ricochet		1		
Game Flew Between Victim and Shooter		1		
Shooter Swung on Victim		2		
Victim mistaken for game	2	1		
Victim in line of fire		1		
Barrel Obstruction				1
Totals	2	7	1	16

Distance From Victim to Shooter	Two-Party	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal
0-10 yds.		1
11-50 yds.	1	5
51 yds. & over	1	1
Totals	2	7

Victim Wearing Hunter Orange	Two -Party	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Yes		2
No	2	5
Totals	2	7

Weather	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Clear	1	3	1	3
Partly Overcast	1	1		2
Overcast		2		
Cloudy				1
Unknown		1		10
Totals	2	7	1	16

Species Hunted	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Deer	2	1	1	12
Turkey		1		
Geese		2		2
Rabbits		2		
Quail		1		
Squirrel				2
Totals	2	7	1	16

Hunting Device Used	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Rifle	1	1		2
Muzzleloader				2
Shotgun	1	6		8
Bow				3
Crossbow			1	1
Totals	2	7	1	16

Narrative
An 18-year-old Frederick County Goose hunter was shot by his hunting partner. They exited the blind together and walked around pond in opposite direction. A goose on water took off. The shooter shot. The goose was in line with the other hunter. Victim received 5 pellets to leg. Non-fatal.
A 46-year-old Queen Anne's County Deer hunter, feeling ill, attempted to descend from his tree stand and fell. Injuries included: broken neck, compressed disk, punctured lung and rotator cuff tear. Non-fatal
A 58-year-old Montgomery County bow hunter fell 15 feet when the wooden 2x6 step pulled out from the tree as he was climbing up. Victim received ankle and back injuries. Non-fatal
A 19-year-old Allegany County squirrel hunter, leaning against rock, attempted to shift position. He accidentally put his finger inside the trigger guard and hit the trigger. The muzzle was pointed at his foot. The bullet damaged two toes. Non-fatal.
A 17-year-old Frederick County deer hunter fell 10 feet when the pin on the hand climbing part of the tree stand came out or broke. Victim received bruising to chin and chest. Non-fatal
A 30-year-old Queen Anne's County deer hunter fell when exiting his tree stand when a board broke. Victim fell about 10 feet and received a broke scapula, and bruised knee and hip. Non-fatal.
A 10-year-old Talbot County deer hunter was fatally injured when his crossbow discharged into his chest while attempting to exit his tree stand. Victim was not licensed and did not have hunter education. Father was charged with reckless endangerment.
A 34-year-old victim claimed he was scouting deer when he stopped and heard a deer. He used a deer call and saw the deer. He then heard a gunshot and felt the bullet strike him in the leg. Shooter was not found. Non-fatal.
A 57-year-old Kent County deer hunter placed his thumb on the forearm of the stock of his crossbow as he shot at a deer. Victim received a lacerated thumb. Non-fatal
A 13-year-old Cecil County goose hunter was lowering his loaded shotgun into the pit blind when in discharged either by being dropped or the trigger striking something. Victim was sprayed with shot on the right side of his torso. Non-fatal
A 56-year-old Prince Georges County rabbit hunter was struck in the leg with numerous shotgun pellets when his hunting partner shot at a rabbit and the pellets ricocheted off unseen rocks into the leg of the victim. Non-fatal
A 21-year-old Charles County deer hunter was shot by his 16-year-old hunting partner. Victim entered the woods and sat down about 150 feet from the shooter. The shooter mistook victim through brush for a deer and shot, striking victim twice in chest and jaw. Fatal.
A 37-year-old Carroll County deer hunter stumbled while walking. His finger was on the trigger and the firearm discharged striking him in the foot. Non-fatal
A 21-year-old Anne Arundel County deer hunter tied a string through the trigger guard of his shotgun with the safety off to be used as a haul line. As he tightened the string the shotgun discharged, striking him in the foot. Non-fatal
A 52 year old Carroll County deer hunter was descending from his tree stand, missed stepping on a screw in tree step and fell about 15 feet. Victim sustained rib injuries. Non-fatal
A 39-year-old Queen Anne's County deer hunter shot a deer. The recoil of shotgun caused the scope to hit him in the face, lacerating the bridge of his nose and forehead. Non-fatal
A 44-year-old Queen Anne's County deer hunter fell 12 feet when the top step pulled loose. Victim received 3 broken bones in face, broken nose and broken jaw. Non-fatal
A 23-year-old Allegany County deer hunter was mistaken for game at 150 yards by his hunting partner. The victim was shot once in the chest. The victim had an orange cap on, however it was covered with a black hood. Fatal

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A 21-year-old Washington County squirrel hunter was shooting at a squirrel. His shotgun barrel was obstructed with mud and the barrel burst. A piece of the barrel struck him in the head resulting in a laceration. Non-fatal
A 46 year old Anne Arundel County deer hunter placed the muzzle of what he thought was his unloaded shotgun on the top of his shoe and began to exit his tree stand when the firearm discharged into his foot injuring two toes. Non-fatal
A 59-year-old Kent County goose hunter was shot by his hunting partner when they attempted to get a goose to fly from their decoys. When the goose flew, the shooter shot, not realizing the victim was behind the goose. Victim received 8 pellets in arm. Non-fatal
A 26-year-old Frederick County goose hunter accidentally discharged his firearm as he stood up from his ground blind to shoot incoming geese. The shot removed two toes from his foot. Non-fatal
A 69-year-old Wicomico rabbit hunter was shot in the hand and thigh by his hunting partner. The shooter was holding 3 dogs that pulled him off balance. As a result, his finger hit the trigger and the firearm discharged. Non-fatal
A 20 year old hunting guide at an RSA was shot by a hunter as the shooter turned toward the quail to shoot. The guide was behind the quail. Victim received numerous pellets wounds on the side from head to toe. Non-fatal
A 9-year-old non-hunter accompanying his father was hit with 6 pellets when another hunter shot at the turkey decoys that were set in front of the hunter and son. Non-fatal
A 47-year-old Worcester County deer hunter fell as he was attempting to enter his tree stand. The victim lost his grip and fell 15 feet resulting in a fractured pelvis, 3 broken vertebrae and lower limb paralysis. Non-fatal