



**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
**Natural Resources Police**  
**Hunting Incident Report**  
**FY 2007**



Age (shooter or responsible person)	Two Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Under 10 years				
10-19 yrs.		1		3
20-29 yrs.		1		
30-39 yrs.			1	4
40-49 yrs.				
50-59 yrs.		2		1
60 + yrs.		1		2
unknown				
Totals	0	5	1	10

Causes	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Careless handling				2
Fall from tree stand			1	7
Victim out of site of shooter		1		
Victim mistaken for game		2		
Game flew between victim and shooter		2		
Ammunition malfunction				1
Totals	0	5	1	10

Distance From Victim to Shooter	Two-Party	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal
0-10 yds.		
11-50 yds.		2
51 yds. & over		3
Totals	0	5

Victim Wearing Hunter Orange	Two -Party	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Yes		2
No		2
Unknown		1
Totals	0	5

Weather	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Clear		3		2
Rainy				1
Cloudy		1		
Overcast		1		
Windy			1	
Unknown				7
Totals	0	5	1	10

Species Hunted	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Deer		3	1	9
Turkey		1		
Quail		1		
Squirrel				1
Totals	0	5	1	10

Hunting Device Used	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Rifle				3
Muzzleloader		1	1	3
Shotgun		4		1
Bow				3
Totals	0	5	1	10

<b>Narrative</b>
A 19 year-old Frederick County deer hunter fell approximately 30 feet after falling asleep in his tree stand. He suffered multiple lacerations, contusions and a back injury. He was not wearing a safety harness. Non-fatal.
A 39 year-old Worcester County deer hunter fell an unknown distance from his tree stand. Victim sustained a broken jaw and bruises. Victim was apparently intoxicated. Non-fatal.
A 30 year-old Garrett County Deer Hunter fell 10 feet to the ground when his tree stand slipped while climbing down. Victim sustained a broken rib and separated shoulder. Non-fatal.
A 38 year-old Dorchester County deer hunter fell 16 feet from a home made tree stand when the upper rung of the ladder came off in his hand. Victim sustained a broken leg. Non-fatal
An 81 year-old Kent County deer hunter fell 10 feet when the chair in his home made tree stand slipped between two boards. Victim received lower back and rib injuries. Non-fatal.
A 36 year-old Carroll County deer hunter, hunting in wet and very windy conditions, sustained numerous serious injuries when a tree near him fell against the tree he was hunting in and hit him. Fatal
A 52 year-old Carroll County squirrel hunter received a wound to the foot when he was seated with his firearm resting against on his foot. The firearm discharged resulting in the injury. Non-fatal.
A 15-year old Talbot County deer hunter received injuries to his thumb when he shot a volley of 3 rounds, with the second round misfiring and the third round blowing up the barrel of his shotgun. Non-fatal
A 51 year-old Caroline County quail hunter shot his hunting partner when a quail flew between them. The victim received 4 pellets to his upper body. Non-fatal.
A 54 year-old Talbot County deer hunter was shot by his hunting partner when a deer ran between them and the shooter shot at the deer. The shooter hit the deer and shrapnel from the slug hit the victim in the hand causing minor injuries. Non-fatal
A 12 year-old Allegany county deer hunter received minor injuries to his toe from a .243 when he swept the gun from right to left and the firearm discharged into his foot. Non-fatal
A 59 year-old Queen Anne's County deer hunter was shot by his hunting partner when a deer ran between them. The victim was below field level, climbing a hill out of site of the shooter. He received neck injuries. Non-fatal.
A 64 year-old Washington County deer hunter, using a branch as a step, fell 15 feet when the branch broke. The victim received a broken arm, broken leg and broken pelvis. Non-fatal.
A 38 year-old Garrett County deer hunter was shot in the shoulder by his 16 year-old hunting partner when the victim was moving through bushes and mistaken for game. Victim was not wearing fluorescent orange. Non-fatal.
A 64 year-old Charles County Turkey hunter was shot by his hunting partner when the victim started to retrieve a turkey and was mistaken for another turkey by the shooter. Victim received 4 pellet wounds to various parts of the body. Non-fatal.
A 37 year old Worcester County deer hunter fell from his tree stand sustaining serious injuries to his back. Non-fatal