



**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
**Natural Resources Police**  
**Hunting Incident Report**  
**FY 2006**



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.				
30-39 yrs.		1		1
40-49 yrs.		1		
50-59 yrs.			1	1
60 + yrs.				1
unknown				
Totals	0	3	1	6

Causes	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Careless Handling		1		1
Fall From Tree Stand			1	5
Victim out of site of shooter		2		
Totals	0	3	1	6

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

Victim Wearing Hunter Orange	Two -Party	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Yes		2
No		1
Totals	0	3

Weather	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Clear		3		1
Rainy				
Snow				
Drizzle				
Unknown			1	5
Totals	0	3	1	6

Species Hunted	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Deer		2	1	6
Turkey		1		
Totals	0	3	1	6

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

<b>Narrative</b>
A 69 year-old Worcester County deer hunter fell 20 feet to the ground while climbing into his "home made" lock on tree stand. Victim received 2 broken vertebrae and a broken rib. Non-fatal.
A 37 year-old Queen Anne's County deer hunter fell 16 feet from his tree stand when he fell asleep. He was not wearing a safety harness. Victim received a broken wrist, neck and back injuries. Non-fatal
A 45 year-old Frederick County deer hunter was shot with a 30/30 rifle by his 10 year-old son when the boy aimed at a deer through the scope and did not realize that the muzzle was in direct line with the father's shoulder. Non-fatal
A 63 year-old Kent County deer hunter fell 12 feet when he was exiting a permanent tree stand with numerous defects. The victim was in a harness while hunting, however, he removed the harness to exit the tree. His knee gave way when he put his weight on a step and he fell sustaining numerous bruises. Non-fatal
A 53 year-old Montgomery County Deer hunter fell from his tree stand and was asphyxiated by his harness. Fatal
A 53 year-old Frederick County deer hunter fell from his tree stand and received unknown injuries. Non-fatal
A 59 year-old Frederick Count deer hunter fell 15 feet receiving an injury to his right ankle. Non-fatal.
A 58 year-old Kent County deer hunter's shotgun fell while he was reaching for it at the base of a tree. The firearm discharged twice, striking the victim once in the foot. Non-fatal.
A 41 year-old St. Mary's County deer hunter was shot by his 41 year-old hunting partner during a deer drive when a deer ran between the victim and shooter. Due to dense brush the shooter did not see the victim. Victim received one buckshot pellet to the arm. Non-fatal.
A 72 year old Washington County Turkey hunter was shot in the face, chest and hand by a 33 year old who did not see the victim in full camo beyond the moving turkey. Non-fatal.